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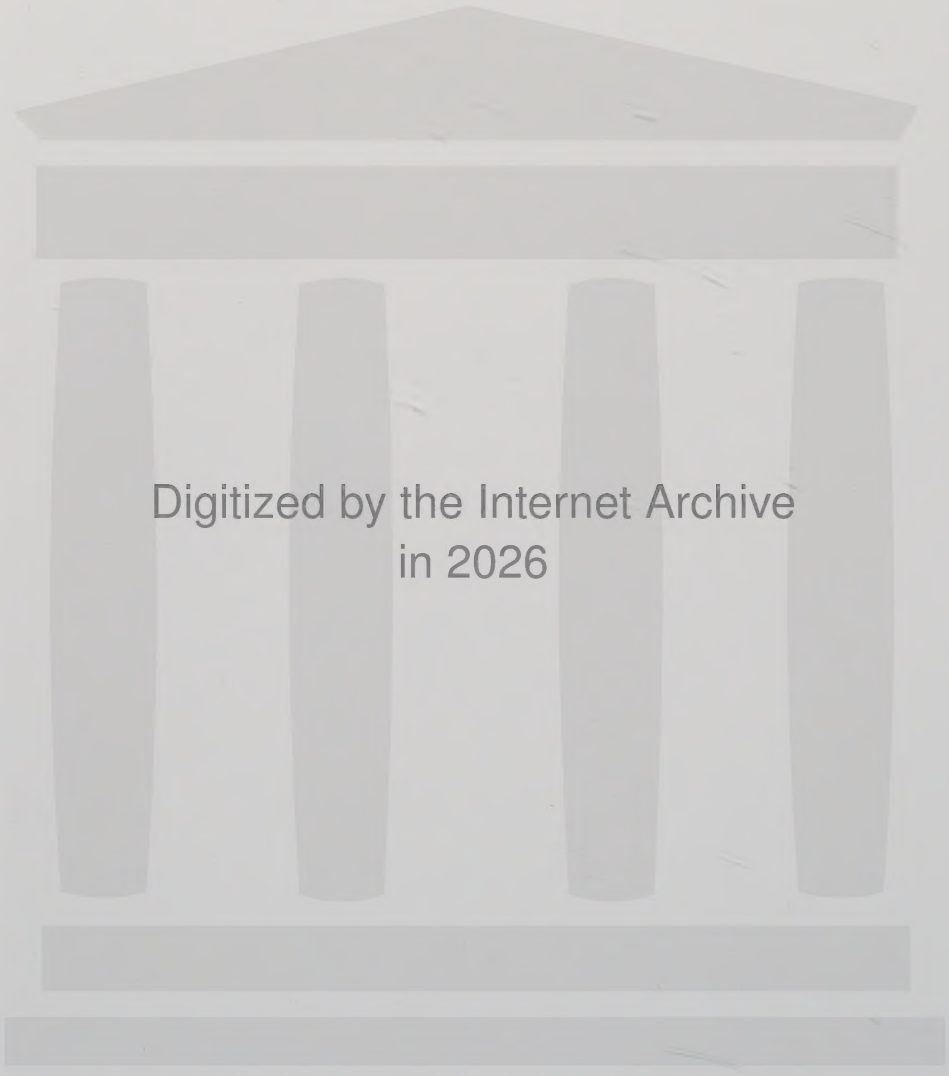
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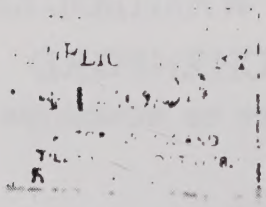

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PREFACE

THE family with which these pages deal, and which appeared at the Visitations of Worcestershire in 1569 and 1634, had its origin in and around Little Washbourne, in the south corner of that county, and maintained an unbroken connection with it for eighteen generations. How long members of it were there before the first historical Washbourne, who was also of Stanford, appears on the scene in the middle of the thirteenth century, is not clear. From Stanford the family migrated to Wichenford in or about 1402, and thence they removed about 1662 to Pytchley, in Northamptonshire. The last male representative of the main line was buried at Pytchley in 1743, and the representation of the family fell eventually to the descendants of the only one of his married sisters who had issue, viz. Elizabeth the wife of Francis Money, Esq., of Wellingborough, from whom is descended Major Money-Kyrle, D.L., of Homme House, Herefordshire, and Whetham, Wilts, who is thus the representative of the main male line of the Washbournes.

The aim of this work, which can lay claim to little original research, has been to set forth as fully as possible that main male line, with the addition of such particulars about younger children and junior branches as have come to hand. The chief junior branches are the Bengeworth one, whence comes the large and well-known family in America, the Gloucester branch, the London branch, and

the descendants of Thomas the poet. It has, of course, been impossible for me to trace these downwards, and I have had to content myself with showing the connection of the progenitor of each branch with the main stock.

A complete sketch of the family could not be aimed at for two reasons among others: (1) the entries in the *Visitations* are very meagre and give little more than mere names, and (2) the registers of Wichenford and Pytchley are of little help. The first Wichenford register dealing with the period 1539–1690 has been lost since Nash's time (1781), and the earliest books at Pytchley begin with 1695 for burials and 1717 for baptisms. The loss of the old register of Wichenford with its entries of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries is particularly unfortunate, as the then head of the family, Anthony, had eight sons born between 1548 and 1568, of only two of whom definite particulars are forthcoming. It will readily be seen how numerous may be the present-day descendants of the other six, and how incomplete these notes necessarily are without particulars of those younger sons.

The history of the first fifteen generations is based on the entries recorded at the Visitations of Worcestershire 1569 and 1634, certified copies of which from the College of Arms have been kindly placed at my disposal by Dr. William Washbourn, of Gloucester, to whom my best thanks are accorded. These are supplemented by Phillimore's *Visitation of the County of Worcester, 1569*, which "is the result of a careful collation of four manuscripts now preserved in the British Museum."

The particulars of the sixteenth, seventeenth, and eighteenth generations, and the records of the Money-Kyrle family, are largely drawn from a roll compiled from the researches of the late Rev. J. Stoughton Money-Kyrle, F.S.A., and approved by the College of Arms in 1847. I am indebted to the great kindness of Major Money-Kyrle for the loan of this roll and of a great number of Washbourne parchments and papers now in his possession. These have enabled me to deal fully with the three generations just mentioned, and have provided much matter throwing light on the earlier history of the family.

References in the course of this work will show whence information given has been gathered, and such references will, I trust, be regarded as grateful expressions of my indebtedness to the works named. Of the books consulted, I would mention as having been the most helpful:

1. Habingdon's *Survey of Worcestershire.* All my quotations from Habingdon[1] are taken from the edition brought out in recent years by the Worcestershire Historical Society, and I desire to express in the fullest way my indebtedness to the Society for the particulars I have extracted and to the work of Mr. John Amphlett, of Clent, who carried through the laborious task of editing the *Survey* with such success.

2. Grazebrook's *Heraldry of Worcestershire* (1873).

3. The Prattinton MS. in the possession of the Society of Antiquaries, to which learned body my best thanks are given.

[1] Throughout this book this spelling is adopted in preference to Habington.

4. Mr. W. P. W. Phillimore's *Visitation* (*1569*), already alluded to.

5. *Alumni Oxonienses*, and

6. Nash's *History of Worcestershire*.

As to the illustrations in the book, the four portraits have been most kindly supplied to me by Major Money-Kyrle, and are excellent reproductions of pictures at Homme House. The Washbourne arms were procured from the College of Arms by Dr. W. Washbourn. The Rev. E. Gates, vicar of Pytchley, sent me the illustrations of that parish, and has assisted me much with the records of the Pytchley family, contributing, among other things, exact copies of the inscriptions on the stones in the church there. The two excellent reproductions of the Wichenford tombs were the work of P. A. Thomas, Esq., of Sedbergh, and for the arms and crest on the west wall of Wichenford Church I am indebted to the kindness of Miss V. Jones-Williams. My hearty thanks are given to all these contributors; so, too, to the many clerical neighbours who have allowed me free access to the registers in their keeping, and to very many others, clerics and laymen, many personally unknown to me, who have most courteously answered my inquiries and supplied information.

I would record my thanks also to J. H. Hooper, Esq., M.A., Registrar of the Diocese of Worcester, and to G. F. Adams, Esq., Registrar of the Worcester District Probate Registry, for kindly allowing me access to documents in their keeping.

One other name I must mention, that of the late Rev. J. H. Lee Booker, Vicar of Elmbridge. He took the

greatest interest in the compilation of these researches, and devoted much time and trouble to assist. I am indebted to him for transcribing the deeds in chapter I and the inquisitions, and for help in the production of much of the earlier matter here presented. It is a melancholy satisfaction to me to record my appreciation of his assistance always so readily given, and of his friendship and sterling worth.

Two points remain. (1) Owing to the recurrence of the same Christian names it has been thought well, in order to avoid confusion, to number the generations. (2) The spelling of the family name has varied much; in the earlier times it seems to have been "Washborne" more often than not, but in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries the members of the family generally adopted "Washbourne," and that is the form adopted in this work. The Gloucester family now spell their name "Washbourn" and the Americans "Washburn."

I shall be grateful to any readers who may point out to me any mistakes in this collection of notes which has occupied the leisure hours of some fifteen years, or send me contributions on the family history in case time and circumstances permit me to continue my researches on the junior branches of the family.

J. D.

WICHENFORD VICARAGE, NEAR WORCESTER,
May, 1907.

INTRODUCTORY

ARMS AND CRESTS

"Arg. on a fess betw. six martlets gu. three quatrefoils slipped bendways of the first. WASHBORNE, co. Worcester. WESHBOURNE, *V.* WASHBOURN, Gloucester, 1670.

Arg. on a fess betw. six martlets gu. three cinquefoils of the field. WASHBOURNE, Washbourne, and Wichenford, co. Worcester; temp. Edward III.; *Visitation* of Worcestershire."

Papworth's *Ordinary of British Armorials*, p. 809.

"Arg. a cross humetty voided az. WASBORNE *V.* WASHBORNE, *V**."

Papworth, p. 603.

"Washborne—Gu. bezantée, on a canton or, a cross sa.

Washborne—Ar. a cross voided az.

Washborne—Ar. a fess betw. six martlets gu.

Washbourne (Washbourne and Wichenford, co. Worcester; settled there temp. Edward III., Visit. Worcester; the direct male line ceased with William Washbourne, Esq., of Wichenford and Pytchley, who left an only child, Elizabeth Washbourne m. Francis Money, of Wellingborough, and was great-grandmother of Sir James Kyrle-Money, Bart., whose nephew is the present Colonel John Ernle Money-Kyrle, of Much Marcle)—Ar. on a fess betw. six martlets gu. three cinquefoils of the field. Crest—A coil of flax ar. surmounted with a wreath ar. and gu. thereon flames of fire ppr."

Burke's *General Armory*, p. 1080.

"Harl. 1043, fo. 4^{b}. *Harl.* 1566, fo. 32^{b}. Harl. 1482, *fo.* 21^{b}. Harl. 1352, fo. 52, in ( ).

ARMS: Harl. 1043.—*Quarterly: 1 and 4, Argent, on a fess between six martlets gules three quatrefoils of the first; 2, Ermine, a chief bendy sinister of six or and sable; 3, Gules, a fess argent, in chief two mullets pierced of the second.*

CREST.—*On a wreath a bundle of flax argent, surmounted by another wreath . . . and . . . , thereon flames of fire proper.*

CREST: Harl. 1566.—*A bunch of leeks argent banded. . . .*

ANOTHER CREST: Harl. 1566.—*A bundle of flax argent banded of the same and. . . .*"

Phillimore's *Visitation of the County of Worcester*, 1569.

"Argent, on a fesse between six martlets gules, three quatrefoils of the field; quartering Ermine, a chief bendy sinister of six or and sable, for *D'Abitot;* and Gules, a fesse or in chief two mullets argent, for *Poher.* Crest: On a wreath, a bundle of flax argent surmounted by another wreath argent and gules thereon flames of fire proper. (*D.* 12, *Coll. Arm.*, fo. 24, *and C.* 30, fo. 39; *Harl. MS.* 1566; *Penn MS.; and Win. MS.*)

The crest over the arms in the Harl. MS. 1566 is a burning dish; but there are two other crests in trick, one inscribed 'a bunch of leeks,' the other 'a bundell of flax' both argent and banded. Sir John de Assheborne, of Worcestershire, bears in the roll of *temp.* Edward II. Gules, a fesse between six martlets argent, a coat which differs only in tincture from that of Beauchamp of Powick. It is to this, probably, that Nash alludes (vol. ii., p. 233) when he says that the Washbornes 'bore likewise the arms of the Earl of Warwick's second son, perhaps only as kinsmen or clients to that mighty Earl.' He also says that they quartered Zouch, Corbet, Wysham, Walsh,[1] and Blount.

Grazebrook's *Heraldry of Worcestershire*, vol. ii., pp. 610, 611.

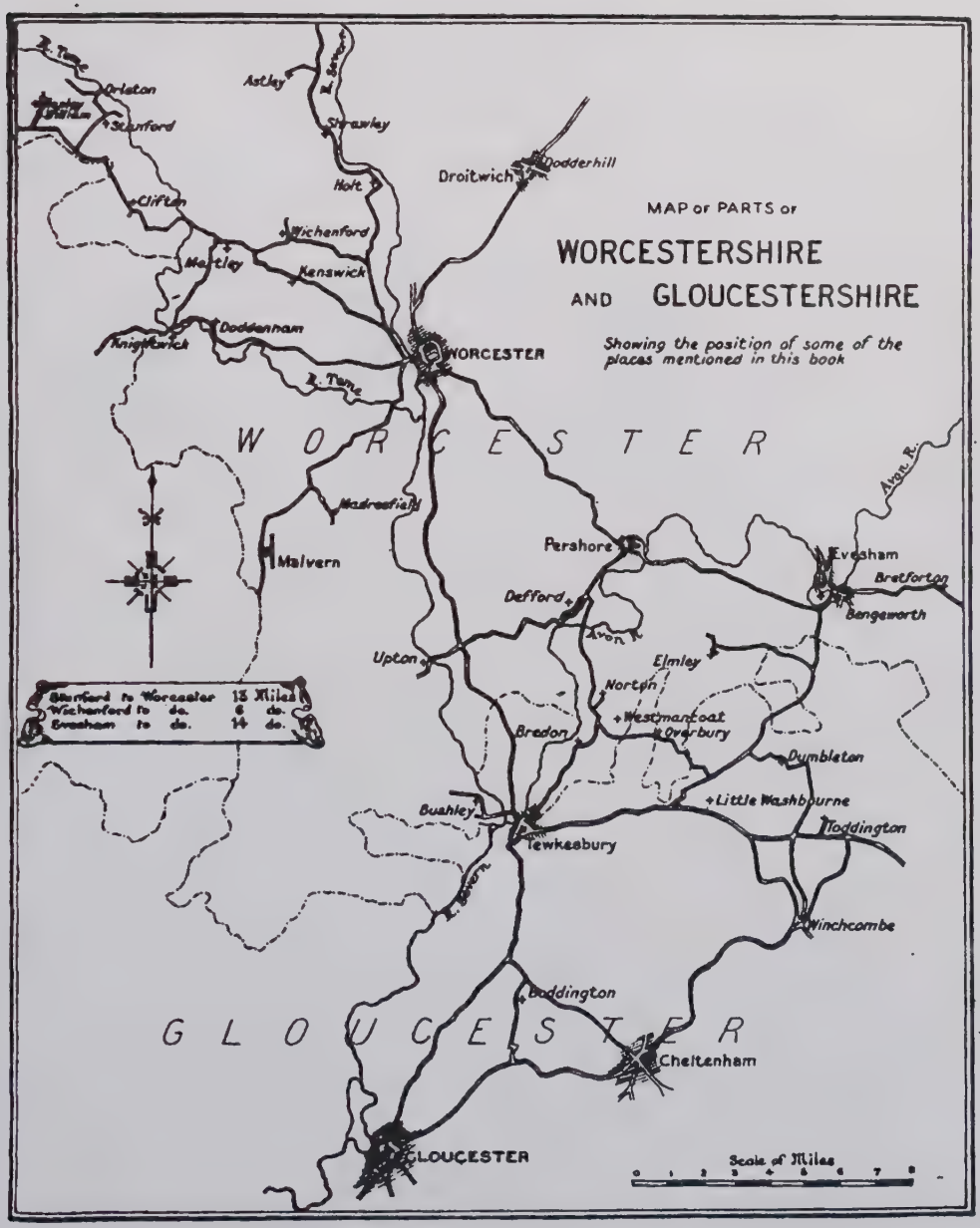
"Washbourne. Berks., Heref., and Worc., on a wreath a coil of flax, ar., surmounted with another wreath, ar. and gu., thereon flames, ppr. pl. 102, n. 6.

Lond. and Glouc., the same crest. *Industria et probitate.*"

Washbourne's *Book of Family Crests, etc.*, vol. ii., p. 486.

"Washbourne. Gloc. Wor. Berks. Lond., on a wreath a coil of flax ar. surmounted by another wreath, ar. and gu. thereon

[1] The families of Wysham and Walsh also bore A fesse between six martlets, the former with the field sable and the charges argent, and the latter with the field argent and the charges sable.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Stanford
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R. Severn
Stourley
Holt
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Dodderhill
Wichenford
Martley
Kenswick
Doddenham
Knightwick
WORCESTER
R. Teme
Madresfield
Malvern
Pershore
Defford
Avon
Upton
Elmley
Norton
Westmancoat
Overbury
Bredon
Dumbleton
Little Washbourne
Toddington
Bushley
Tewkesbury
R. Severn
Winchcombe
Boddington
Cheltenham
GLOUCESTER
Avon R.
Evesham
Bretforton
Bengeworth
Stanford to Worcester 13 Miles
Wichenford to do. 6 do.
Evesham to do. 14 do.
Scale of Miles
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

flames, ppr. (the only instance on record in the Heralds' College of a double wreath) pl. 106, n. 2. *Persevera Deoque confide.*"

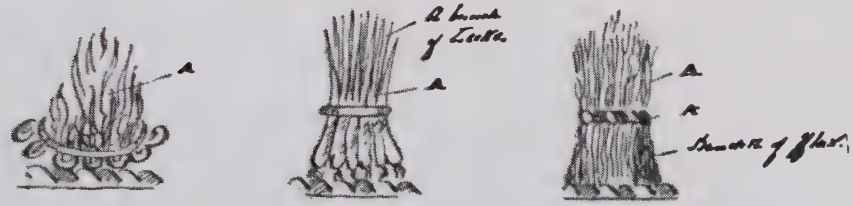
Ditto, vol. i., p. 54.

"ARMS: Quarterly.

1 and 4, Washeborne. *Arg. on a fess between six martlets Sa. three quatre-foils of the field.*

2 and 3. . . . *Erm. a chief bendy sinister of six Or. and Sa.*"

Weaver's *Visitation of Herefordshire*, 1569.



HARL. MS., NO. 1566, p. 33

THE WASHBOURNE FAMILY

CHAPTER I

THE FAMILY OF LITTLE WASHBOURNE AND STANFORD

IT is clear that the Washbournes had their origin in the south corner of the county of Worcester around Bredon Hill, west of which lies Bredon, north of which is Defford, and south of which on its slope is Overbury, with its chapelry of Little Washbourne, or Knight's Washbourne, which, however, is not over the border in Gloucestershire like the neighbouring village of Great Washbourne.

"Below these Bredon hills to the south are the two little villages of Washborn which give name to a very antient and illustrious family in these parts." (Camden, ii. 353.)

The earliest-named member of the family seems to be Sampson, writing of whom Habingdon says, under Bredon (Appendix):—

Wheare the Bishop of Worcester's Domesdaye's booke beginneth thus, Quatuordecem hidae g. ex hiis tenet Willielmus filius Sampson in Wassebourne 3 hidas g.; theare are fowrtene hydes that gyld, of which William, the sonne of Sampson, houldeth three hydes of land in Washbourne and Gildeth. William Beauchamp holdeth 3 hydes in Washeborn and Sampson of him. Wheather the ancient familie of Washborne is descended from this Sampson or not I am vncertaine, for fewe of the englishe had surnames at this tyme;

and, under Knight's Washbourne, he writes :—

You maye reade before in Bredon that William, the sonne of Sampson, was lord of thys Washborn in the raygne of Henry the secound, but knowinge not howe to unyte them to thease, I omitt them heere.

How long members of the family flourished in the district before the days of Sampson is not clear. Washbourne's *Book of Family Crests* (i. 54) speaks of Washbourne as "a name of ancient Norman descent: the founder was knighted on the field of battle by William the Conqueror, and endowed by him with the lands and manors of Little and Great Washbourne, co. of Gloc. and Wor." In the absence of authentic records, there is nothing but conjecture, based on tradition, to go upon, and therefore we must be content to follow the College of Arms pedigrees which put aside these two generations of Sampson and William, and give the first three generations thus: Sir Roger, Sir John, Sir Roger.

Under Knight's Washbourne, Habingdon thus refers to these knights, and to the arms which they bore :—

This townshyp, wrytten aunciently Wasseborne, with the addition of Knighte's, showethe hersealfe to bee the seate of Washborn's knightly family . . .

Knightes' Washborne, aptly so called as the originall of a knightly family planted heere, in Sir Roger, Sir John, and Sir Roger Washborn, all Knightes before the raygne of Edward the thyrd, and yf I maye have any confydence in armes they discended of the honorable houses of Zouche and Corbett. For as it appearethe out of a Rowle of Armes in the custody of that Right Worthy Sir Richard S[t] George, they then carryed the cote of Zouch with a quarter of Corbett, thoughe after, lyke Walshe, Wisham, and Blount, they conformed themsealfes to beare a touche of the Earle of Warwicke's armes, as clyents or kinsmen to that mighty lord; and this an industrious herehaught maye perceave. Receaving theyre name from thys townshyp, for men have theyre names of townships (especially yf they have byn formerly graced with churches or chappells) not townshyps from men, they sored with the winges of fortune tyll John Washborne, taking to wyfe Joane, daughter of Sir John Musard. . . .

It is quite certain, then, that the Washbournes had their origin at Little Washbourne in Overbury, taking their surname from that place which in course of time got the prefix of "Knight's" from the knightly rank of the family (Camden, ii. 369). Habingdon's comments on the varying surname of the family in the earliest days and the unsettled state of surnames generally are given below under Sir John, second in descent. But the family, when the pedigrees begin, were also connected with Stanford, which is on the opposite side of Worcestershire to Little Washbourne, and about twenty-five miles distant as the crow flies; but how this connection began is not clear, possibly it was through Sir Roger's wife, Joan. Of the head of the family,

SIR ROGER (1),

little is known except that he flourished in the latter half of the thirteenth century. Phillimore gives 23 Hen. III as his date. He is mentioned in an Inquisition of 1259 concerning William de Stutevill, and in the Lay Subsidy Roll of 1280[1] he is described as of Little Comberton and of Washbourne,[2] as well as of Stanford.

SIR JOHN (2)

The following particulars are forthcoming about Sir John, son of Sir Roger:—

HARL. MS., 6139, p. 16.

1. In his father's lifetime he was known as John de Dufford, temp. 27 Ed. I. The following extracts from Habingdon show this:—

Stanford was the land of Sir John de Washborn, who duringe hys father's lyfe was wrytten in a Leger of greate authority,

[1] The editor of the roll gives "circa 1280" as its date, between 1276 and 1282.

[2] A William de Wasseburn is mentioned in the Lay Subsidy Roll of 1280 under Stanford, and in an Inquisition of 1289 concerning the nunnery of Westwood, but his name is not given in the pedigree.

Calendar of Patent Rolls, 25 Edw. I. 1296 [mem. 24], shows that protection was granted to "William de Wasseburn parson of the church of Stanford" who was going along with John de Berewyk beyond seas on the king's service.

27 Ed. i, Johannes de Dufford filius Rogeri de Washborn. (Under Stanford.)

Yf Defford weare corruptly called Dufford, then John de Dufford, the sonne of Sir Roger de Washeborn, and after hys father['s] death wrytten Sir John de Washborn, dyd, as appearethe in the most authenticall Leger of the Bishopricke of Worcester, 27 Ed. i, receave hence, and very lykely of hys habitation heere the name De Dufford. (Under Defford.)

In the red booke of the Bishopricke of Worcester in Nordwyke or Claynes, wheare John de Dufford is wrytten sonne of Roger de Washborne, who after his father's death was Sir John de Washborne, knight. . . . (Under Hindlip.)

John, who in his father Sir Roger de Washborne's lyfe was called John de Dufford the sonne of Roger de Washborne, is now wrytten John Washborn, and might be styled Knight, for it was hys degree; and for the tyme whearein hee lyved you maye reade in the booke of Aydes in the Exchecker 20 Ed. 3, Stanford Esturmy, quondam terra Johannis de Washburne, so thys must bee after 27 Ed. 1, and before 20 Ed. 3. . . . Englishemen in thease former ages havinge no setled surnames weare comonly called by theyre Mannors or mansyons. (Under Claines.)

Fewe of the englishe had surnames at this tyme. Afterwards the Norman conquerors and they growinge into one body they imitated the frenche and Normans (once theire masters, nowe theyre fellowes) in assuminge surnames, which custome was hardly setled vntill the raigne of Edward the second, for you maye see in the Washbornes, 27 of Edward the firste, and but seaven yeares before Edward the second, howe in Smyte within the Mannor of Nordwyke John de Defford was sonne of Roger de Washborne, so altered they theyre surnames that varied from place to place. (Under Bredon in Appendix.)

Richard de Cromeley, Lord of Hodyngton, who seemethe to bee the fyrst of thys family that assumed the name of Hodyngton. At which tyme the Knyghtly Washbornes, who before varyed theyre names accordinge to the places of theyre habitation, weare fixed fyrst on the name of Washborne. . . . (Under Hodington.)

2. He was knight of the shire, 5th P. of Ed. II. (i.e. 1312). (Nash.)

3. "John Washborne son and heire to Roger Washborne did confirm in A° Ed. filii regis Henri 23." (C.A.)

4. In the Lay Subsidy Roll of 1280 he pays for land in Bretforton.

5. "Iohn Washborne Knight did confirm to Roger his son and heire and Margaret his wife all his manor of Washborne in A°. E. filii regis E. 9." (C.A.)

6. He died before Michaelmas, 1319. This seems clear from a case reported in a De Banco Roll (13 Ed. II., 1319, m. 18), where John Cassy, through his guardians, opposes himself to Roger son of Sir John de Wasseburn, with reference to some premises in Wych, which Isabella, the late wife of Sir John, claimed as her dowry. That the Wych was Droitwich is clear from Habingdon, who says of the Cassy family under Hodington, "it is manifested to bee a knyghtly family in the Cathedral churche of Worcester and in St. Augustin's churche by Wych, comonly called Dudurhill, the paryshe churche of Wichbold," and under Strensham their "habitation was as I thincke at Cassy in the paryshe of Wychbold."

The word "dowry" in the above suggests the thought that possibly Isabella, the wife of Sir John, was a member of the Cassy family; at any rate the association of the names Washbourne and Karsy in the following extracts about Orleton, which adjoins Stanford, is striking:—

i. "In Holreton di' feod' quod Ričs de Karsy tenet de Willo de Wasseburn Willš de Rog̃o de Clifford Rog̃s de Walto Clifford Walts de Willo de Stutevill ipē de dño Rege." (*Testa de Nevill*, or *Liber Feodorum Com. Wigorniae*, 178.)

ii. "Orleton, a myle and a half East from Eastham. Domesdaye's booke, Temp. R.W.I. Gilebertus filius Turoldi tenet in Arletone unam hidam et dimid. geld. Booke of Tenures, Temp. R. Ed. i. In horeleton 2 hidas quas Ricardus de Karsy tenet de Willielmo de Wasseborn, Willielmus de Rogero de Clyfford, Rogerus de Waltero de Clyfford, Walterus de Willielmo de Stuteuille. De Ricardo de Karsy una marca pro dimid. feodi in Alreton de Baronia Willielmi de Stuteuile." (Hab., vol. i., pp. 210, 211.)

The two following extracts are of interest as corroborating the testimony of Habingdon and of the 1280 roll as to the connection of the earliest Washbournes with Stanford and its neighbourhood :—

i. *Calendar of Close Rolls*, 3 Ed. II., 1310, Mem. 3, Schedule.

"April 29. Woodstock. To the Justices of the Bench. Order not to put John de Wasseburne in default for not appearing in a suit before them by the king's writ between Robert Lestourmy, demandant, and the said John and Isabella his wife, tenants, of a messuage two acres of meadow, two acres of wood, 6^s 8^d of rent and two virgates of land, except one acre in Overton near Stanford, as he was engaged in the king's service on Wednesday the morrow of St. Martin so that he could not appear."

ii. *Calendar of Close Rolls*, 8 Ed. II., 1315, Mem. 10.

"April 1. Windsor. To Master John Waleweyn, escheator this side Trent. Order to deliver to the said Matilda a knight's fee in Olreton in the county of Worcester which John de Wassheburn holds, of the yearly value of £4 assigned to her as above."

Isabella presented to the living of Stanford, 9 Kal. September, 1316 (Nash), "Petrus de Wassebourn," and the fact that she did so, and not her husband, points to the probability that she acted in the exercise of her own right, though of course it is possible that her husband had recently died. A little later, in 1322, she presented to Clyvelode, attached in later days to Madresfield, being described as "Isabella de Wassebourn domina ejusdem villae" (Nash). As Isabella de Wassebourn she appears in the Lay Subsidy Roll, 1327, along with Roger, among those assessed under Wassebourne and Stanford, and in the 1332–3 roll under Stanford she appears as "Isabella de Stanforde," again along with Roger, doubtless her son.

SIR ROGER (3)

Sir Roger, son of Sir John, married his wife Margaret as early as 1316. He "Roger Washborne Lord of Washborne, knight, did confirm to John his son in A° E. 3. 9." (C.A.)

Nash seems to imply in his list of incumbents that he presented three times to Stanford and was living in 1353. (Later presentations also are here given for the sake of reference.)

Patrons	*Incumbents*	
Isabella de Wasseborne .	Petrus de Wasseborn	9 Kal. Sept. 1316
Rogerus de Wasseborne .	Thomas de Wasseborne, Accol.	30 Maii 1349
	Johannes Arches . .	16 Julii 1349
	Will'us de Edynghull .	2 Julii 1353
Katherina de Stanford .	Johannes Roggeres . .	27 Apr. 1363
Katerina Musard . .	Henricus Wodewarde cap	26 Sept. 1398
Isolda Salwey . . .	Will'us Walker cap. .	16 Sept. 1423
Thomas Harwell et Isolda consors	Johannes Driver cap. .	21 Jan. 1428
	Thomas Combay cap. .	22 Jun. 1433
Humfridus Salwey, arm. .	Ricardus Simkins cap. .	18 Jun. 1473

In the roll of 1327 he appears under Washbourne and Stanford; in the roll of 1332–3 under Stanford; in the *Nonarum Inquisitiones* (1340) he joins in the declaration as to the church of Overbury. His name is given as Robert in Weaver's *Visitation of Herefordshire* (1569), and in one of the two College of Arms pedigrees, a fact which points to his identity with the Robert de Wasseborne given in the 1327 roll under Aldington and Bretforton, and with Robert de Salsseberne under Bretforton in the 1332–3 roll. In the rolls of 1346 and 1358 he is given as Roger de Washborne under Stanford Washborne and Washborne, paying in respect of land formerly held by John.

The next three generations are best taken together. Of

JOHN (4)

little is forthcoming. He was younger son of Sir Roger (3); his wife's name was Isabelle; and his elder brother, also called John, died without issue. His son,

PETER (5)

married Isolde, daughter of Thomas Hanley, of Hanley-William, in 29 Ed. III.[1] Both the College of Arms pedigrees show this, but Habingdon, Nash, and Phillimore all give the father's name as John Hanley.

"Peter Washborne and Isolde his wife did confirme in A.° E. 3. 28." (C.A.).

They had two sons, William the younger, not traced, and their heir

JOHN (6),

the husband of Joan Musard and Margaret Poher.

But now we come to the family complications of his time, best set forth in Habingdon's own words, which the genealogical table already given makes clear :—

Sir Roger de Washborn, sonne of Sir John de Washborn, had towe sonnes, bothe christened John. John Washborn, the ealdest of theyse, maryed Katherin Thromwin, who, after her husbande's deathe, was the wyfe of Sir John Musard, Knight, by whome shee had one daughter, named Jane Musard, wedded to John Washborn, the sonne of Peter de Washborn, the sonne of John Washborn, the youngest sonne of Sir Roger de Washborn,

[1] "Hanley, of Hanley-William, in Eastham. Thomas de Hanley held lands in Hanley-William in the 13th of Edward I. 'Several branches,' says Nash, i. 365, 'proceeded from this stock of the Hanleys: the first was by a marriage between Peter de Washborne and Isold, daughter of John de Hanley, 29 Edward III.: from this marriage sprang the family of the Washbornes.'" (Grazebrook.)

"This marriage took place 29 E. III. Peter de Washburne mar. Isold. d. of John de Hanley of Hanley William in the parish of Eastham, co. Worc. See Nash's *Worcestershire*, i. 365." (Note in Weaver's *Visitation of Herefordshire* under Washbourne.)

"Thys family runninge to theyre peryod of tyme in this place, 29 Ed. 3 by the mariage of Isolde, the daughter of John Hanley to Peter Washborn. . . ." (Hab. ii. 64.)

before mentioned; and John de Washborne, the ealdest sonne of Sir Roger de Washborn, dyinge without isswe, thys John Washborn, his nephew's sonne, became hys heyre, and was Lord of Washborn and Stanford. . . . John Washborn had, by hys fyrst wyfe Jane Musard, hys onely daughter, named Isold Washborne, maryed to John Salwey, the sonne of John Salwey, of Canc, Co. Staff., by hys wyfe Elizabeth, daughter and heyre of Sir William Thromwine. . . . John Washborn, after the deathe of hys fyrst wyfe, Jane Musard, tooke to wyfe Margery, daughter and coheyre of John Poher, commonly called Powre of Wicheneford, and had by her Norman Washborn, from whom descended the Washborns of Wicheneford. Nowe, weare it by covenantes at the maryage of John Salwey with Isold Washborn, or otherwise, I knowe not, but thys I knowe, John Salwey and his issewe have eaver synce inioyed Stanford, and, as I have heard, dyd lounge contest in lawe for Knighte's Washborn itsealfe; and in the end, as it is sayd, the controversy was so composed as the Washborns should hould Knigtes Washborn, and the Salweys onely Stanford . . . (under Stanford, pp. 379–81),

and, again, (under Knight's Washborne,)

John Washborne, taking to wyfe Joane, daughter of Sir John Musard, a Knight who in the raygne of Edward the thyrd flourished in our shyre, and havinge by her one onely daughter named Isolda, and not lokinge into future eventes, maryed her to John Salwey of Kancke, a gentellman in Staffordshyre of an approved discent; and with them passed away Stanford Stormy, Washborne's lande . . . but John Washborne surviuinge thys wyfe and weddinge afterwardes[1] Margaret, daughter and coheyre of John Poher, Lord of Wichenford, had by her Norman Washborne, who losynge thus a share of hys inheritance, and incombred with suytes of lawe against hys cosyns in Salwey, retyred hym sealfe to the habitation of his maternall lyne in Wichenford, wheare they remayned six discentes in good reputation. . . .

When the controversy began is not clear. It would seem that John Salwey inherited Stanford peacefully in right of his wife, doubtless under a marriage agreement:

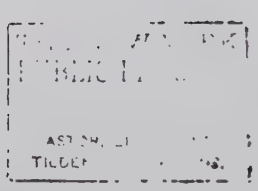
[1] In Mrs. J. C. Washburn's *Notes of Washburn Genealogy*, on pp. 6, 9, the date of John's marriage with Margaret Poher is given as 1397, but the authority is not given for that date, which is no doubt approximately correct.

at any rate, he was owner of it as early as 3 Hen. IV., i.e. 1402 (Grazebrook), and he possessed it at the time of his death, 8 Hen. V. (1421), which occurred during the lifetime of his father-in-law (Habingdon, i. 381). Apparently the "suytes of lawe" began after that event, being between his son Humfrey Salwey, resident at Stanford, who laid claim to Knight's Washbourne, and Norman Washbourne at Wichenford, who laid claim to Stanford. The manor of Knight's Washbourne had been[1] granted to Norman by his father by deed of July 16, 5th Hen. VI. (The question of the ownership of Stanford was apparently further complicated by the remarriage of Isolda, widow of John Salwey, with Thomas Harewell, which seems to have taken place between 1423 when she presented to Stanford as Isolda Salwey, and 1428 when "Thomas Harwell et Isolda consors" presented. About that time, 7 Hen. VI., Harewell held in Stanford Washborne[2] what Roger Washbourne formerly held, and the heir of Hugh Cooksey held in Stanford Esturmey[2] the lands which, 20 Ed. III., Hugh Cooksey held in succession to John Washbourne. Habingdon confesses (ii. 283, 284) that these statements are somewhat obscure; but it is easy to believe that matters at Stanford were not altogether peaceful between the Salweys, Harewells, and Cookseys, not to mention the rival claimant, Norman Washbourne, at Wichenford.)

Time went on, and the bitter feeling existing between the Wichenford Washbournes and their successful rivals at Stanford only a few miles away can be well realized. Fortunately the River Teme was between them. At length, by the mediation of friends, Norman being now dead, an agreement was brought to pass between Humfrey

[1] See pp. 25, 26.

[2] "Formerly there were two Stanfords: one called Stanford Washborne or Stanford upon Teme, the other called Stanford Esturmey, or Little Stanford, which was antiently a chapel of ease in the parish of Clifton. It is now called Overtown or Noverton." (Nash.)



Salwey and John, Norman's son and heir. The matter was referred to George Duke of Clarence,[1] brother of Edward IV., the "false, fleeting, perjured Clarence" of Shakespeare, who is supposed to have been drowned in a butt of malmsey (1478); and his award, assigning Stanford to Salwey, and Knight's Washbourne (subject to a payment) to John Washbourne, was accepted by the parties "willynge unyte and peas to be hadd herafter betwxt theym," and ratified by deeds of the nineteenth year of Edward IV., of which the following are copies :—

No. 1. Endorsed "An indenture of covenant for performing thaward of ye Duke of Clarence"

This wrytynge endented made the secunde day of Octobre the xixth yere of the reyne of Kynge Edward the iiijth betwixt Humfrey Salwy Esquyer on the oon ptye and Iohn Wasshebõne son and heire of Norman Wasshebõne Esquyer on the other ptye Wittenessith where variaunces and discordes have ben hadd of longe tyme betwxt the seid Humfrey and Norman of and for the mañs of Knyghtes Wassheborn and Stanford wth th^{r}app^{r}teñnces in the counte of Worcet^{r} which man^{r} of Knyghtes Wassheborn the seid Humfrey claymeth to be to hym entayled and the seid man^{r} of Stanford the seid Norman claymed to be to hym entayled Wheruppon the seid Humfrey and Norman hadd seũall writts of forme donne hangynge eyther of theym ayenste other Which Norman is decessed And nowe the seid ptyes in eschewynge of forther trouble theryn willynge unyte and peas to be hadd herafter betwxt theym hauynge also consideracion to an arbitrement and ordinaunce late therof made by George late Duke of Clarence betwxt the seid Humfrey and Norman which for certen causes movynge the same Humfrey and Norman ys not yett executed and also for consideracion of the nyghnes of bloode that ys betwxt the seid ptyes They therfore by the mediacion of their frendes ben agreed and also covveñnteth and graunteth eyther of theym to other by thes ꝑsents in effecte accordynge to the seid arbitrement and ordinaunce of the seid late Duk in maner and forme ensuynge That ys to witte that the seid Iohn Wasshebõne shall

[1] In 1461 Edward IV. granted to the Duchess of York the manor of Clifton-on-Teme. The Royal Family being connected with the neighbourhood, the choice of the arbitrator is not surprising.

suffre the seid Humfrey to recoũe ayenst hym the seid manʳ of Knyghtes Wasshebȍne by a writte of forme donne in discendre which the seid Humfrey shall sue ayenst the seid Iohn and that the same Iohn beynge soule seased in his demene as of fee of the seid maner of Knyghtes Wasshebȍne with thʳappteñnces at suche tyme as the seyd writts of forme donne shalbe retorned of recorde and uppon the warnynge of xv dayes to be made to the seid Iohn he shall then appere to the seid writte of forme donne in ꝑpre ꝑson or by attorney and shall confesse the seid accion and theruppon the seid Humfrey shall immediatly wᵗoute eny delay sewe for his jugement and also for execucion of the same by a writte of hẽre facias seisinaʳ and shall be seased of the seyd manʳ of Knyghtes Wassheborn by vertue of the seid jugement wᵗyn xv dayes next after the seid jugement and his season therof shall so continue unto and at the tyme of a writte of right or som other writte to be pʳchesed by the seid Iohn ayenst the seid Humfrey and at all tymes hangyng the same writte stondyng in no wyse charged to eny execucion of the Statute of the Staple nor to noon other charge by the dede or acte of the seid Humfrey and so beynge seased the seid Humfrey and Iohn Salwey his eldest sonne shal suffre the seid Iohn Wassheborn to recoüe ayenst them by writte of right or other writte at the costys of the seid Iohn Wassheborn the same manʳ of Knyghtes Wassheborne excepte viij meses ciiijˣˣxviij acrs of lande ꝑcell of the seid manʳ which ben extended to the yerly value of viij mc̃s vjˢ. viijᵈ ovᵖ all charges and reprises Which meses and landes be occupyed seũally by certeyn teñnts wᵗyn the same maner in manʳ and forme ensuynge That ys to sey oon Thom̃s Lyncolne nowe occupyeth and holdyth ij of the seid meses and a yarde of lande conteynynge xliiij acr̃s ꝑcell of the seid meses and landes which meses lyeth in the Northsyde of the seid Towne yeldynge for the same meses and yarde of lande yerly xxvjˢ. viijᵈ & also Robt Balle nowe occupyeth and holdeth a mese and a quarterne of lande wᵗ thʳapꝑtenaunces conteynynge xj acres of lande ꝑcell of the seid viij meses ciiijˣˣxviij acres of lande which mese lyeth in the Northsyde of the seid Towne yeldynge for the same mese and quartern of lande vjˢ. viijᵈ also the same Rob̃t Balle nowe occupyeth and holdyth another mese and half a yarde of lande with thʳapꝑteñnc̃s conteynynge xxij acr of lande ꝑcell of the seid viij meses ciiijˣˣxviij acres of lande which mese lyeth in the Northsyde of the seid Towne yeldynge for the same mese and half yarde of lande xiijˢ iiijᵈ. Also Rob̃t Ryse nowe occupyeth and

holdeth a mese and a yarde of lande w^t th^appteñncs conteynynge xliiij acr̃s ꝑcell of the seid viij meses ciiij^xx xviij acr̃s of lande which mese lyeth in the Southsyde of the seid Towne yeldynge for the same mese and yarde of lande yerly xxvj^s. viij^d. Also Willia^m Maynard, chapelyn nowe occupyeth and holdeth a mese and the iiij^th ꝑte of a yarde lande w^t th^appteñnce conteynynge xj acr̃s ꝑcell of the seid viij meses ciiij^xx xviij acres of lande which mese lyeth in the southsyde of the seid Towne yeldynge for the same mese and iiij^th ꝑte of a yarde land yerly vj^s. viij^d Also Willia^m Ryse nowe occupyeth and holdeth a mese and a yarde lande w^t th^appteñncs conteynynge xliiij acr̃s ꝑcell of the seid viij meses ciiij^xx xviij acr̃s of lande which mese lyeth in the southsyde of the seid Towne yeldynge for the same mese and yarde lande yerly xxvj^s viij^d. & also a mese and half a yarde of lande w^t th^appteñncs nowe in the hands of the seid Iohn Wassheborn by cause of decaye which Iohn Squyer late occupyed and held conteynynge xxij acr̃s residue of the seid viij meses ciiij^xx xviij acr̃s of lande which mese lyeth in the southsyde of the seid Towne besydes the mese of Willia^m Ryse and ys assined to be of value yerly vj^s. viij^d. And yn the same Writte of right or other writte the same Humfrey and Iohn Salwey shall uppon the reto^rne of the same of recorde and uppon the warnynge of xv dayes appere in ꝑpre psone or by attorney and shall vouche plede and be demened as touchyng the same maner of Knyghtes Wassheborne excepte before excepte as by the councell of the same Iohn Wassheborn shal be avysed so ther be no damages nor costs to be recoũed in the same wrytte or sewts and the seid Humfrey or his next heyre w^tyn a moneth next after the seid recoũe hadd by the seid writte of forme downe beynge seased by vertue of the seid recoũe of the seid viij meses ciiij^xx xviij acr̃s of lande in his demene as of fee tayll standynge none otherwise charged than it stode at the tyme of the same recoũe shall of the same meses and landes by dede endented enfeffe the seid Iohn Wassheborn or his next heyre yf the seid Iohn Wassheborn then be dedde to have to hym and to his heyres in fee yeldynge and reñvynge by the same dede to the seid Humfrey and to his heyres of his body lawfully begoten viij mr̃c of yerly rente payabull at the fests of annunciacion of our lady and myghelmas yerly by evyn porcions with a clause of distresse to be expressed in the seid dede to be hadde in the seid meses and lands for lak of payment by the space of vj wekes next after eny of the seid dayes of payment and for lak of payment of the seid rente of viij mr̃c or

eny ꝑcell therof by the space of a quarter of a yer after eny of the seid dayes before specified that then the seid Iohn Wassheborn or his seyd heires shall grant by the same dede to the seid Humfrey that the same Humfrey and his seid heires of his body comynge shall distrayne in all the hoole seid maner of Knyghtes Wassheborn and in eũy ꝑte therof for the arrearages of the same rente And yf the same rente happen to be behynde oũpayde by the space of half a yere and none distresse sufficient therfore founde nor hadd wᵗyn the seid meses and landes nor wᵗyn the rem . . . of the seid manᵒ of Knyghtes Wassheborn that then hit shal be lawfull to the seid Humfrey and his seid heires of his body comynge to reentre in to the said meses and landes as yn his fyrst estate And the seid Humfrey wᵗyn a moneth next after the seid recoũe so to be hadd by the seid Iohn Wassheborne shall deliũe or cause to be delyv̄ed to the same Iohn Wassheborn or to his heyres then beynge all manᵒ of evidenc̄s wrytings and myuniments which the same Humfrey or eny other to his use have concernynge the same maner of Knyghtes Wassheborn Also the seid Iohn Wassheborn shall at the costs of the seid Humfrey suffre the same Humfrey to recovᵉ ayenste hym by writte of right or otherwyse the seid manᵒ of Stanford wᵗ thᵉapptenaunc̄s And the seid Iohn Wassheborn shall therto appere uppon xv dayes warnynge and shall vouche plede and be demened in the seid writte or accyon as by the counceill of the same Humfrey shal be avysed And also the seid Iohn Wassheborn shall wᵗyn a monyth next after the seid recov̄e delyv̄e or cause to be delyv̄ed to the seid Humfrey or to his heires then beynge all manᵒ evidencs wrytyngs and myuniments concernynge to the seid manʳ of Stanford which the seid Iohn Wassheborn or eny other to his use hath In wittenesse wherof eyther of the seid ꝑtyes to this writynge endented chaungeably have putte their seales the day and yere above written.

No. 2. Endorsed "An indenture that sheweth how the Anewity of viii markes by yere goeth out of Knigtes Wassheburne."

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com Wigorn 2 ipo Humfr̃o de mañio p̄dco cum ptin̄ seisiᵉ existenᵉ virtute recupaĉonis p̄dictᵉ Idem Iohes Wasshebŏne maniuˢ illud cum ptin̄ exceptᵉ octo messuagᵉ centum quaterviginti decem 2 octo acrᵉ terr pcell manij p̄dictᵉ ad valorem octo marcarᵉ sex solidorᵉ 2 octo denariorᵉ p̄ annuˢ postea p̄ bre dĭct dn̄ Regᵉ de rectis vs̃us eundem Humfridum Salewey recupavit et de eodem mañio except p̄ except virtute eiusdem recupāconis idem Iohes Wasshebŏne modo seisitᵉ existit Predictᵉ Humfriuˢ p̄ p̄sentes dimisit edidit libāvit 2 confirmavit p̄fat Iohe Wassheborne p̄dict octo messuag centum quaterviginti decem 2 octo acras t̃re sic p̄ exceptᵉ cum ptin̄ suis Quequidem messuagia 2 terr iacent ac occupantᵉ modo & forma sequentᵉ videlt quidem Thomas Lyncolne modo inde occupat duo messuagia 2 unam virgatᵉ t̃re continentᵉ quadragintᵉ 2 quatuor acras t̃re quequidem duo mesuagia iacent ex p̄te boriali ville de Knyghtes Wasshebŏne p̄dict p̄ quibs quidm duobs mesuag 2 virgatᵉ terrᵉ idem Thomas reddit annuatim xxvjˢ viijᵈ. Et Roŏtus Balle modo inde occupat unuˢ mesuagᵉ 2 quarᵉ p̄tem virgatᵉ t̃re continent undecim acrᵉ terrᵉ quequidem messuag iacet ex p̄te boriali ville de Knyghtes Wasshebŏne p̄d p̄ quequidˢ mesuag 2 quarᵉ p̄te virgat terrᵉ idem Roŏtus reddit annuatim vjˢ. viijᵈ. Et idem Robtus Balle modo inde occupat aliud mesuagiuˢ 2 dimidˢ virgatᵉ t̃re continentᵉ viginti duas acrᵉ t̃re quodquidem mesuag iacet ex p̄te boriali ville de Knyghtes Wasshebŏne p̄dictᵉ p̄ quo quidm mesuag 2 dimidˢ virgat trᵉ idem Robtus reddit annuatᵉ xiijˢ. iiijᵈ. Et Robtus Rice modo inde occupat unuˢ mesuag 2 unam virgatᵉ t̃re continentᵉ quadragintᵉ 2 quatuor acrᵉ terrᵉ quodquidem mesuagiuˢ iacet ex p̄te australi ville de Knyghtes Wasshebŏne p̄dict p̄ quoquidm mesuag 2 virgat t̃re idem Robtus reddit annuatim xxvjˢ viijᵈ Et Willm̃s Maynard capellanus modo inde occupat unuˢ mesuagᵉ 2 quarᵉ p̄tem virgatᵉ t̃re continentᵉ undecim acrᵉ trᵉ quodquidm mesuagᵉ iacet ex p̄te australi ville de Knyghtes Wasshebŏne p̄dict p̄ quoquidem mesuagio 2 quarᵉ p̄te virgatᵉ terrᵉ idem Willms reddit annuatim vjˢ. viijᵈ. Et Willm̃s Ryce modo inde occupat unuˢ mesuagᵉ 2 unam virgatᵉ t̃re continentᵉ quadragint 2 quatuor acrᵉ terrᵉ quodquidem mesuagiuˢ iacet ex p̄te australi ville de Knyghtes Wasshebŏne p̄dictᵉ p̄ quoquidem mesuagio 2 virgatᵉ trᵉ idem Willms Rice reddit annuatᵉ xxvjˢ. viijᵈ. ac unuˢ mesuagᵉ 2 dimidˢ virgatᵉ t̃re modo existens in maniŏs domini ob defectuˢ tenentis quodquidem mesuag 2 dimidˢ virgatᵉ t̃re Iohẽs Squyer nup occupabat continentᵉ inde viginti 2 duas acras trᵉ quodquidm mesuagᵉ iacet ex p̄te australi ville de Knyghtes Wasshebŏne p̄dictᵉ que-

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immediate extunc px sequent' . . . ipius Iohis Wasshebõne heredum seu assignat suor' qđ extunc pdict' reŝvacio reddit' pdict' ac concessiones districconum pdict' vacue sive nullius vigoris 2 qđ redditus pdict' abinde nullo modo sic levabilis nec solibilis ꝑsentibs in aliquo non obstantibs. Similiter pdcus Humfridus attornavit constituit 2 in loco suo posuit dilectos in Xpo Hugonem Hampton 2 Iohẽm Geffereys suos veros 2 legittimos attornatos conjunctum 2 divisum ad delibãnd pfat Ioñi Wasshebõne plenam 2 pacificam seisinam de 2 in pdict octo mesuag' centum quatervigınti decem 2 octo acris terre cum suis pt̃in secundum unam formam 2 effectum hujus indentur.

In cuius rei testimoniu' un' ꝑt huius scripti indentati penes pfat' Iohẽm Wassheborne remanent p'dict Humfridus sigillu' su' apposuit Alter' vero ꝑt penes eundem Humfridum remanent pdict' Iohes Wassheborne sigillu' su' apposuit Dat apud Knyghtes Wasshebõne pdict' decimo septimo die mensis Decembris anno regni Regis Edwardi quarti post conquestum Anglie decimo nono.

This agreement seems to onlookers nowadays a reasonable solution of the difficulties caused by the second marriage of John Washbourne, and Norman's heir had no meagre solatium for the loss of Stanford in the possession of both Knight's Washbourne, the old family estate, and the Wichenford property which came to him through his grandmother, the heiress of the Pohers.

It is thus clear from the above pages that—

(*a*) Sir Roger, the first authentic Washbourne, of Knight's Washbourne and Stanford, was living as late as 1299;

(*b*) Sir John, his son, the second at Stanford, was living in 1316, but was dead in or before 1319;

(*c*) Sir Roger, son of Sir John, was married as early as 1316, and was living in 1358;

(*d*) Peter, fifth of the line, married 29 Edw. III. (1355);

(*e*) In or before 1402, Stanford had been passed on by John, son of Peter, to John Salwey;

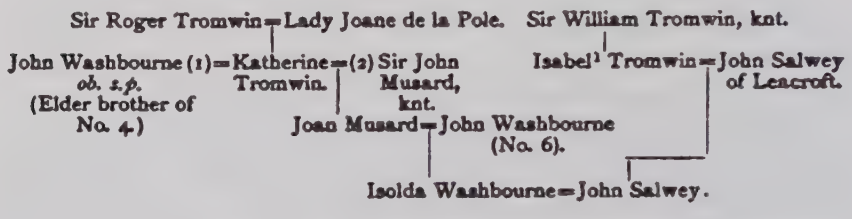
(*f*) Norman was dead before 19 Edward IV.

We shall not be concerned with the future of Stanford which had been the property of the Washbournes for 120 years at the least. Suffice it to say that it remained in the Salwey family until it passed by marriage to the Winningtons who still possess it.

NOTES

1. TROMWIN, MUSARD, AND SALWEY

The following shows the connection between these three families :—


Sir Roger Tromwin = Lady Joane de la Pole.
Sir William Tromwin, knt.
John Washbourne (1) = Katherine = (2) Sir John
ob. s.p.
(Elder brother of No. 4)
Tromwin.
Musard, knt.
Isabel[1] Tromwin = John Salwey of Leacroft.
Joan Musard = John Washbourne (No. 6).
Isolda Washbourne = John Salwey.

"Thys perswadethe mee that Salwey and Thromwin were originally of one family, and when Armes came after to be Vsuall, they assumed bothe one Coate, beinge Sables, a salteyre engrailed Or" (Habingdon). The Salwey arms are thus given : "Sable, a saltire engrailed or : quartering *Tromwyn*, *Washborne*, *Musard*, *Porter*, *Searle*, etc." (Grazebrook.)

The Musards were a great family. Sir John was knight of the shire in 29 Ed. III., and Sir Thomas was Prior of Worcester in 2 Ed. IV.—Gules, a lion rampant argent crowned or. (Grazebrook.)

2. SALWEY AND WINNINGTON

The Salweys are said to have been seated at Cannock, co. Staff., anterior to the Conquest, and thence they removed to Stanford of which John Salwey was owner, 3 Hen. IV. There they long remained. They recorded their descent and arms at the Visitations of 1569 and 1634.

[1] According to Grazebrook : Habingdon gives Elizabeth (cf. p. 9).

"The last of the family that possessed Stanford was Edward Salwey, of the Inner Temple, barrister-at-law, the only son of Edward Salwey, M.P. for Droitwich, on whose decease, unmarried, his estates passed to his sisters, the youngest of whom, Elizabeth, the wife of Sir Francis Winnington, knt., Solicitor-General to Charles II., eventually became the sole possessor of the Stanford property, and was lineal ancestress of the Winningtons of Stanford Court." (Grazebrook.)

The present owner of Stanford is Sir Francis Salwey Winnington, 5th Baronet, and High Sheriff of Worcestershire in 1894. He was born in 1849, and married Jane, daughter of Lord Alfred Spencer-Churchill, son of the sixth Duke of Marlborough. (Whitaker's *Peerage*.)

"The male line of the [Salwey] family was continued by Richard, younger brother of Edward, of Stanford, M.P., who was seated at Richard's Castle in the county of Hereford, at the time of the Protectorate. His grandson Richard was of Moor Park in the same county, where he died in 1759, and was succeeded by his great-nephew, whose grandson John Salwey is the present representative." (Grazebrook.)

3. POHER

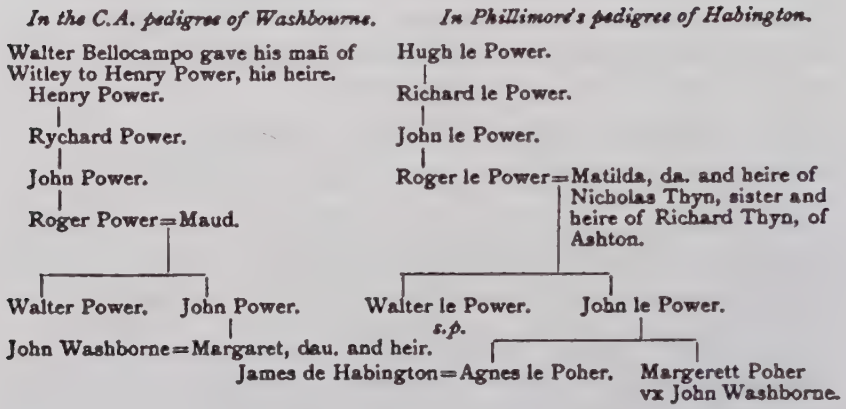
Particulars of the Salweys who took away Stanford from the Washbournes may fitly be followed by notes on the Pohers who brought to them Wichenford.

"This family, we are informed by Nash, came in with the Conqueror. Hugh le Poher was Deputy-Sheriff of this county in the 16th of Henry II.; Walter le Poher in the 9th, 10th, and 11th of John: and Hugh le Poher in the 8th, 14th, 15th, 19th, and 20th of Henry III. John le Poher held a moiety of the manor of Wichenford in the reigns of Edward III. and Richard II. He inherited from the Chamberlains, they from John de Haseleigh, and he from David St. Michael.—Gules, a fesse or, in chief two mullets argent." (Grazebrook.)

They had lands in Shrawley, Eckington, Norton in Bredon, Churchill in Bredicot, Claines, St. Peter's in Worcester, and elsewhere. They were large benefactors to the Priory of Worcester, making over to it the manor

of Batenhall, the patronage of St. Clement's, and lands in St. Martin's, Worcester. They were patrons of Warndon.

Their pedigree is thus given :—


In the C.A. pedigree of Washbourne.
In Phillimore's pedigree of Habington.
Walter Bellocampo gave his mañ of Witley to Henry Power, his heire.
Henry Power.
Rychard Power.
John Power.
Roger Power=Maud.
Walter Power.
John Power.
John Washborne=Margaret, dau. and heir.
Hugh le Power.
Richard le Power.
John le Power.
Roger le Power=Matilda, da. and heire of Nicholas Thyn, sister and heire of Richard Thyn, of Ashton.
Walter le Power. s.p.
John le Power.
James de Habington=Agnes le Poher.
Margerett Poher vx John Washborne.

Thus both the great families of Wichenford, the Habingdons and the Washbournes, intermarried with the Pohers and apparently about the same time. But whereas the Washbournes came into Wichenford by the marriage of John with Margaret, the Habingdons were already well established, the James who married Agnes being the fourth of his line there. The first Habingdon there, William, came about 1286 through his marriage with Margaret, daughter of William Beaufitz by his wife Margaret, only daughter and heiress of Richard Woode of Wichenford. The first Washbourne there, the husband of Margaret Poher, came more than a century later, roughly speaking, about 1400.

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CHAPTER II

THE FAMILY OF LITTLE WASHBOURNE AND WICHENFORD

THE loss of Stanford and the gain of Wichenford to the Washbournes, as the result of the matrimonial experiences of John sixth in descent, have been made clear. Before passing on to the record of the family at Wichenford with further particulars of the same John, it may be pointed out that the residence of the family was at Wichenford and not at Knight's Washbourne onwards for ten generations till about the time of the Restoration. Habingdon remarks, under Knight's Washbourne, that Norman "retired to the habitation of his maternall lyne in Wichenford wheare they remayned six discentes in good reputation especially Mr. John Washborne who spinninge out a lounge thread of lyfe hathe leafte to hys nephewe of hys name and sprounge from hys body in the third degree the inheritance of Knightes' Washborne, his landes in Wichenford and other large estates," the "nephew" in question being John (No. 15), who fought at the Battle of Worcester 1651.

Here it may be remarked, in view of the many extracts given in this work from his *Survey*, that Habingdon's knowledge of the Washbourne history was exceptionally great because of the friendship that existed for generations between the two families, and in due course between Thomas Habingdon himself and John Washbourne, who died in 1633 at the age of eighty-five. As already stated,

the Habingdons had been at Wichenford since the latter part of the thirteenth century, and though the main line had passed on to Hindlip, members of the family lived on there till the middle of the seventeenth century. Doubtless the old home, still called Abingdons, less than a mile from Wichenford Court, the home of the Washbournes, often harboured within it the great antiquary, and it can readily be conceived that frequent intercourse took place between the two fine old men. Habingdon outlived his old neighbour several years, and sings "the prayses of thys late extingveshed esquyre" by declaring him to have been "the best continual housekeeper and the best beloved gentellman of this Shyre."

To return to the husband of Joan Musard and Margaret Poher, and son of Peter (5),

JOHN (6).

He was on the commissions of the peace for Worcestershire 1404 and 1405, and the offices which he filled show that he was a great man in the county :—

Vice-comes, 20 Ri. II., described as of Washborne in Overbury. (Nash.)

Knight of the shire, 5 P. of Henry IV. (1404). (Nash.)

Escheator, 13 Ri. II.,[1] 1 Hen. IV., 8 and 9 Hen. V. (Habingdon.)

The following is Habingdon's description of his tomb, the oldest of the four which formerly were in the chancel at Wichenford :—

In the northe of the Chauncell is an auncient Tombe of Alabaster on the ground, A man armed all savinge his heade, vnder which lyethe hys helmet with a wreathe, and theareon a flame of fyre within a band, mantled and doubled, at hys feete a Ly.[2] On his ryght hand his wyfe with a littell dog at her

[1] Nash gives Rob. Badby as escheator in 13 Ric. II.

[2] "The margin at the right hand of the whole of this page has been cut." (Note in Habingdon.)

feete. Between them Washborn['s] armes impalinge a cheueron. The inscription,

> Hic iacent corpora Johannis Washborne . . . Armigeri . . . et Margeriae Pow[1] uxoris suae. Necnon et Elizabethae uxoris . . . de Bradeley in C[om.] Derbiae qui obiit 13 Maij. 1454.

This tombe, thoughe thus woren, showethe the mache of [1]borne with Poher's coheyre, wheareby the name came first to Wichenford.

The Prattinton MS. gives a fuller inscription, incorporating the additions made by Dr. William Thomas, the well-known Worcester antiquary, in the Habingdon volume :—

The Waltons of Lancashire and Wiltsh have chevrons in th[r] Coat armour.—Edm[a].

Hic jacent corpora Johis Washborne [et Normanni . . . . armigeri . . . . & Margeriæ Powre uxoris suæ necnon Elizabeth uxoris [ejusdem Normanni una filiarum Henrici Walton Tho[s]] de Bradeley in Com: Derbiæ qui [quæ Tho[s]] obiit [in domino decimo tertio die maii mccccliiii Tho[s]] 13 Maii 1454.

It is not very clear to which of the persons the "qui obiit" refers. Habingdon makes it refer to the first-named, John; for, writing of him (under Stanford, i. 381), he adds, "who as is engraved on hys tombe in Wicheneford departed thys world 13 Maij An. Do. 1454 beeinge 32 Hen. 6." We think he must be wrong in this conclusion: in the first place, it is hardly likely, though possible, that John lived till 1454, since his father Peter was married in 1355, and, besides, it seems more natural to read the "qui" as referring to one of the later-named persons, Elizabeth, or her husband Norman the son of John. If this surmise is right, Habingdon's mistake is doubtless

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due to the fact that when he copied the inscriptions, about 1640, the tomb was much worn. The writer of these notes inclines to the belief that the person who died in 1454 was Elizabeth the wife of Norman.

The statement of Dr. Thomas that she was a Walton by birth is erroneous. She was the daughter of Henry Knivton, of Bradley, a village near Ashbourne in Derbyshire, where the Knivtons were long settled.[1]

Habingdon says that the tomb was of alabaster, and a note in Prattinton suggests "it may be doubted whether Mr. Habingdon ever meant more than a slab by the word tomb." In the face of this the thought occurs whether the slab in question may not be the huge alabaster slab which for many years up till 1892 formed a seat in the arbour at Wichenford Vicarage. If so, the slab is now close to its original position, for it serves as a credence table built into the north wall of the sanctuary at the bottom of the "Maurice Day" window cut and filled in 1892.

By his second wife, Margaret Poher, John had three children :—

1. NORMAN.

2. John, not traced, but possibly the "Johannes Walsheborne" appointed incumbent of Great Comberton, December 15, 1420. (Nash.)

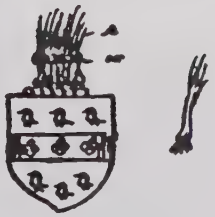
3. Elynor, of whom no particulars are given.

[1] KNIVTON

In a letter of November 3rd, 1903, W. R. Holland, Esq., of Barton-under-Needwood, kindly writes in reply to inquiries: "The name would be Kniveton, often written Knifton, Knivton, Knyveton. There is a parish of Kniveton which adjoins Bradley, now pronounced in two syllables with the *i* long, Knivton. The de Knivetons were an ancient family: see Cox's *Derbyshire Churches*. Cox says Bradley was the chief seat of the elder branch of the famous family of Kniveton from the reign of Edward I. to that of Charles I. They had a chantry in Ashbourne Church. In 1655 Sir Andrew Kniveton sold the manor and estate of Bradley to Mr. Francis Meynell. It comprised the whole parish except the glebe, and it remained in the Meynell family until comparatively modern times."

NORMAN (7).

Particulars as to his wife, Elizabeth Knivton, have already been given.



HARL. MS., 6139, p. 16.

As son and heir he had a grant of the manor of Washborne 5 Hen. VI. from his father by charter, of which the following is a copy :—

Sciant p'sentes ⁊ futuri qd ego Iohes Wasseborn armiger' dñs de Wasseborn' dedi concessi ⁊ hac pſenti carta mea confirmav' Normanno filio meo ⁊ heredi totu' mañiu' meu' de Wasseborn in com' Wygorn' vocat' Knyghts Wasseborn' cu' tris teñtis p'tis pascuis pasturis reddit̄ibs sũicijs homagiis escaetis heriettis libt̄atibs ffranchesiis sectis curiar' . . eor' sequelis consuetudinibus ⁊ oĩibs suis ptin' eidĩ mañio pertinentibs hẽnd' ⁊ tenend' pdict maniu' cu' omib̄s supñoiat' cu' suis ptin' pfato Normanno ⁊ heredib̄s masculis de corpẽ suo legit̃ue pc̃reatis in ꝑpetuu' de capitalib̄s dñis feodi illius ꝑ sũicia inde debita ⁊ de jure consueta Et si contingat p'dict' Normanniu' sine heredib̄s masculis de corpẽ suo legĩe p'creatis obijt qd̄ tũc p'dict' maniu' cu' omib̄s sup'noĩat cu' suis ptin' heredib̄s masculis mei p'dict Iohis Wasseborne legitũe pcreatis remaner' debent imppetuu' tenend' de capitalib̄s dñis feodi illi' ut p'dict' Et ꝑ defcu' de exitibs masculis mei pdict' Iohis ut p'dict' tũc pdict maniu' cu' ptin' cu' omib̄s sup'noĩat rectis heredibs mei p'dict' Iohis reṽtere ⁊ remaner' debent [hend] tenend' de capitalib̄s dnis ut p'dict' Et ego vero p'dict' Iohes ⁊ heredes mei p'dict' maniu' cu' suis ptin' cu' omĩbs sup'noĩatis pfato Normanno ⁊ heredib̄s masculis de corpẽ suo legitĩe p'creatis ⁊ ꝑ defcu' exit' p'dict' Normanni hedibs masculis mei p'dict Iohis ⁊ ꝑ defcu' exit' masculis mei p'dict' Iohis rectis heredib̄s mei p'dict Iohis impetuu' cont' oĩes gentes warantizabim' ⁊ defendem' In cuj' rei testiom' huic carte mee sigillu' meu' apposui Et q' sigillu' meu' pluriib̄s est incognitu' sigillu' officii ballivitatis civitatis Wygorn huic apponi pc̃uravi hijs testib̄s Rico Oseney ⁊ Thoma Swyney tuc' ballis Wygorn Iohne Herle Willo Tracy Rico Ketylby Iohe Sommes ⁊ aliis In quor' psencia in seisina manij p'dict cu' ptin' ego p'dict Iohes p'dict' Normanniu' posui ⁊ delibaui scd̄m formam

carte mee p'dict et tenentes manij p'dict p'sent att . . . Dat. apud Wasseborn p'dict sexto decimo die Iulij anno regni Regis Henrici sexti post conquestu' quinto.

(Two seals attached; the one somewhat broken shows the six martlets. No signature.)

He "did confirme by his deede in A° Hen. 6, 11" (C.A.), and was vice-comes of co. Worcester 17 Hen. VI. (Nash.). Particulars of his contests with the Salweys over Stanford, and their claim on Little Washbourne granted to him as above, have already been given, but he died before 19 Ed. IV. (1479), when the settlement of the controversy took place.

His daughter Eleanor married, first, Sir Richard Scrope, and secondly Sir John Wyndham,[1] of Crownthorpe, and died 1505.

He had several other daughters, particulars of whose marriages are contained in the extracts[2] given below, but

[1] "Sir John Wyndham, of Crownthorpe and Felbrigg, who was in the Battle of Stoke, anno 1487, against the Earl of Lincoln, Lambert Simnel, and their adherents, and was knighted immediately after the victory; but being afterwards engaged in the interests of the House of York, he was condemned for high treason, and beheaded with Sir James Tyrrell, Lieutenant of Guisnes Castle, 6 May, 17 Henry VII. (1503). Sir John Wyndham married, first, Lady Margaret Howard, daughter of John Duke of Norfolk, by whom he had Thomas, his successor, and other children. He married secondly Eleanor, daughter of Norman Washbourne, of Washbourne, co. Worcester, and widow of Sir Richard Scrope. She died 21 Henry VII., 1505." (Burke's *Landed Gentry*, 1906.)

[2] Gathered from *V. of W.*, 1569. (Phillimore, p. 60.)

GOWER

Thomas Gower of Woodhall (Ed. IV.) = Alice, da. to John Atwood, of Northwike, in co. Worst.

Thomas Gower = Anne, da. to Norman Washeborne.

John Gower = Margarett, da. to Roger Harwell, of Besford, in com. Worst. — 1 sonne.

Four other sons and three daughters.

(Footnote continued on p. 27).

they are not mentioned in the College of Arms pedigrees. Neither in those pedigrees is there mention of any other son of Norman than John (8), but Phillimore's *Visitation* gives in two places as a younger son of Norman that

Gathered from *V. of W.*, 1569. (Phillimore, p. 138.)

VAMPAGE

S[r] Osbert Vampage, Knt. = Iane, da. of S[r] Will'm Tracye, Knt.

Richard Vampage = ... da. of ..... Gifford.

John Vampage = ... da. of Norman Washborne.

Elizebeth = John Vampage = Issabell, da. of
da. of Thomas Walter. S[r] Richard Vernon, Knt.

Gathered from *V. of W.*, 1569. (Phillimore, p. 54.)

FOLIOT

Richard Folyotte = Ione, da. to ..... Verney.

Nicholas Folyotte = Elizabeth, da. to Norman Wassheborne;
da. to Will'm or Norman Washborne, quere.

Others. Francis Folyotte = Auice, da. and sole heire to
Tho. Tracey of North Ryddell.
[N.B.—Piddle. See Nash.]

= Iohn Folyotte = Barbara, da. to S[r] Edward Littelton, K.,
of Litleton hall in co. Staff.

Gathered from *V. of Glouc.*, 1623, p. 86.

HUGFORD

Iohn Hugfford = Elizebeth [Matilda[1]],
of Dickleston [alias Dixton[1]] d. and coheire of S[r] [William[1]]
in com. Gloc. Dickleston of Dikelston, in com. Gloc.,
Knight.

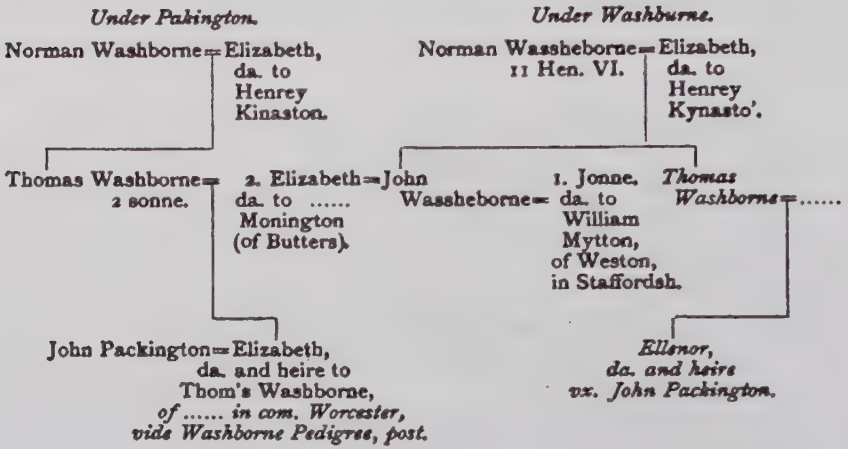
Iohn Hugford = ... d. of Norman Washborne,
of Dickleston. [of Winchinford, in com. Wigor[1]].

Thom. Hugford = Issabell, d. of S[r]
of Dickleston. Thom. [Anthony[1]] Hungerford, Knight,
of Downe Ampney, in com. Gloster.

Iohn Hugfford = Elizebeth,
of Dickleston, had a fformer wife. d. and coheire of Robert Vampage.

[1] According to official record in the Heralds' College.

Thomas whose daughter Elizabeth was married to John Pakington. The entries are :—


Under Pakington.
Norman Washborne=Elizabeth, da. to Henrey Kinaston.
Thomas Washborne= 2 sonne.
2. Elizabeth= da. to ..... Monington (of Butters).
John Packington=Elizabeth, da. and heire to Thom's Washborne, of ..... in com. Worcester, vide Washborne Pedigree, post.
Under Washburne.
Norman Wassheborne= 11 Hen. VI.
Elizabeth, da. to Henrey Kynasto'.
John Wassheborne=
1. Jonne. da. to William Mytton, of Weston, in Staffordsh.
Thomas Washborne=.....
Ellenor, da. and heire vx. John Packington.

Both Grazebrook and Nash describe this Thomas as "of Stanford," but they do not give him as son of Norman. The silence of most of the authorities, coupled with the fact that Thomas was "of Stanford," whereas Norman retired to Wichenford after the marriage of his half-sister Isolda with John Salwey, to whom Stanford belonged as early as 1402, points to the conclusion that very great caution must be exercised in receiving the statement that Thomas was Norman's son. Habingdon confesses ignorance as to the details of the marriage of Elizabeth, Thomas' daughter, with John Pakington: he writes (under Stanford) :—

> In thys paryshe of Stanford are landes which weare gyven in maryage to one of the Pakingtons with an heyre of the Washborns, and althoughe I cannot obteygne the precyse names or tymes, . . .

but then, he adds—

> I doe not see howe they can have a more noble entrance into thys county then by a mache with the knightly house of Knight's Washborn, and that aunciently before the comminge of Salwey to Stanford and so before 3 Hen. 4.

And under Hampton Lovett he writes :—

The family of Pakington (as far as I can yet see) appeared fyrst with vs by maryinge a daughter of the auncient Knyghtly house of Washborn towardes the later end of the raygne of Edward the thyrd or beginninge of Richard the secound. . . .

Habingdon is clearly altogether wrong here in his dates. The Pakington marriage cannot have taken place as early as the beginning of Richard II.'s reign, viz. 1377, or even as early as 1402 (3 Hen. IV.), because the eldest child of the marriage lived till 1550! Nash's date for it, "about the latter end of the reign of Henry the Sixth," is doubtless nearer the mark.

The conclusion of the whole matter seems to be that there is no clear proof either as to the parentage of Thomas Washbourne of Stanford, or as to the exact date of the marriage[1] of his daughter Elizabeth with John Pakington, whose father, John Pakington, was living in the fourteenth year of Henry VI. (Gr.). But of the fact that the marriage brought the Pakingtons into the county there seems no doubt.

[1] PAKINGTON

There were three sons of the marriage :—

1. Sir John, the eldest, an eminent lawyer and large landowner, died in 1550, leaving his estates to his two daughters, Ursula, wife of Sir John Scudamore, and Bridget, wife of Sir John Lyttleton, and to his two brothers.

2. Robert, the second, was ancestor of the main line at Hampton Lovett. His descendant, Sir John Pakington, the eighth baronet and last male heir, died without issue in 1830, the baronetcy created in 1620 became extinct, and the estates devolved upon his sisters, Elizabeth wife of William Russell of Powick, and Anne who died unmarried in 1846. Mr. Russell had, by his wife Elizabeth, a son, John Somerset Russell, who assumed the surname and arms of Pakington, and was created a baronet in 1846, and raised to the peerage as Baron Hampton in 1874. The present Lord Hampton (fourth baron) is his grandson, and succeeded his father in 1906.

3. Humphrey, the third son, had the manor of Chaddesley Corbett from his eldest brother, and was founder of the branch there and at Harvington. The present representative is Sir Nicholas William George Throckmorton, ninth baronet; Mary Pakington (co-heiress of Humphrey Pakington who died 1631) having married Sir John Yate, Bart., and their grand-daughter, Mary Yate, having married Sir Robert Throckmorton, third baronet. (Gathered mainly from Grazebrook.)

JOHN (8)

John, son of Norman, must have been born as early as 1454 if the suggestion is reliable that the "qui obiit 1454" on the tomb of his grandfather refers either to Norman or to Norman's wife, Elizabeth Knivton. He died in 1517, and therefore was apparently sixty-three at the least.

The circumstances under which he lost Stanford in 19 Ed. IV. have already been set forth.

His name appears among the commissioners appointed under Acts for raising subsidies of the years 1496–7, 1513–14, and also of 1514–15 if, as is probably the case, Assheborne denotes Washborne. He married twice. His first choice was Joan, daughter of William Mitton,[1] Lord of

[1] MITTON, OF WESTON

Adam Pershall = ... *filia et hæres Joh'is Weston.*

Margaretta filia et hær. = *Richard Mitton de Weston, in co. Staff.* [dead before 26 Oct., 1419].
a° 7 Hen. IV. [living 20 Dec., 1419, deceased before 12 Aug., 1420].

Willimus Mitton de Weston under Lisiard [sheriff of co. Stafford, 1443, 1458, and 1463, alive 1485] *a° 2 Ed. IV.* [21 years of age on 28 Dec., 1436] = *Margaretta filia Thomæ Corbett de Lee.*

Richard Mitton m^d Agnes, da. of .....

Anna, uxor Richardi Mynors.

Jane, wife to Robert Knight, of Salop.

Joane, wife to John Washbourne.

Elianora, uxor Thom. Cornwall militis.

Anne, da. and h. to Thomas Swinerton, 3 Ed. IV. [of Hylton, co. Staff.].

John Mitton, of Weston = *Joane, da. to .....*
ob. 7 Feb^y, 1489 [sheriff of co. Staff., 1495; ob. 7 Feb., 1499].
ob. 16 July, 1465. [She was da. of Richard Middlemore, of Edgbaston, and died 25 July, 1475.]

(Gathered from *V. of Shropshire*, 1623, ed. Grazebrook and Rylands.)

Weston Church contains several Mitton memorials (Kelly's *Staffordshire*, 1888), and the Earl of Bradford is the chief landowner.

Weston, a village in Staffordshire on the borders of Shropshire. By her he had four sons, Robert (9), who died in his father's lifetime, John, Walter, and Francis.

By his second wife, Elizabeth, daughter of —— Monington,[1] of Butters, co. Hereford, who was buried at Bosbury, he had two sons, Anthony and Richard.

Of these six sons only three—Robert, Walter, and Richard—are mentioned in the father's will given below, together with a daughter Ann who does not appear in the pedigrees.

As to the other persons mentioned in the will: the Folliotts were connected by marriage with the testator, his sister Elizabeth having married Nicholas Folliott (p. 27); Philip Chatwyn was doubtless the person of that name who was gentleman usher to King Henry VIII. and was buried at Alvechurch in 1525; the Actons of Sutton Park, Tenbury, were connected with the Salweys, Richard Acton marrying Isolda daughter of Humphrey Salwey, of Stanford; Sir William Wyllis was vicar of Wichenford from 1503 till his death which occurred between 1539 and 1541. The mention of the chancel of St. Michael, and of the high altar of St. Michael, of Wich-

[1] MONINGTON

The *Visitation of Herefordshire*, 1569 (ed. Weaver), gives two pedigrees of this family. The main line was of Sarnesfield, and a younger branch of Buttas in King's Pyon and Lawton's Hope in Canon Pyon.

The following appears in the main line:—

Sir Thomas Monington (*M.P. for Hdsh.*, 1461–2) = Elizabethe, eldest doughter and coheire of Sir Symond Mylborne.

- Thomas Monington (*of Sarnesfield, d. 17 Jan.*, 1551, *Inq. p.m.*) = Anne, doughter of (*Henry*) Tracy, of (*Toddington*) Gloster (*living* 1551).
- Richard Monington (*of Shobdon, living* 1551).
- John Monington (*of Lawton, see next ped.*).
- Sybill (= *Ed. Trye, of Hardwick, co. Glos.*).

The second pedigree begins with John "of buttas and Lawton soke in the conty of Hereforde living 1551." Only one child of his, George, is given, but apparently the wife of John Washbourne was his daughter.

enford, is of great interest and importance as bearing on the dedication of the church, and, along with other Præ-Reformation testimony, points to the fact that St. Michael is the Patron Saint, and not St. Laurence, who in modern times has been so regarded. (p. 68.)

THE WILL OF JOHN WASSBORN (1517)

In the name of God Amen the thryde day of the moneth of May the yere of our lord God a thowsande fyve hundred and seuȳten I John Wassborn Esquyer in the p'sence of ffraunces ffolyatt Phelipp Chatwyn Walter Wasshborn my sone Henry Durant Robert ffolyatt Rog^{o} Botill S^{r} William Wyllis my Curatt Roger Whiteley Town clerk of Worcestre Thomas Clerk John Hawkyns and Thomas Smart make my testament & last wyll in this man^{o} folowing ffurst I bequeth my soule to Almyghtie god our blessed lady vurgyn and to all the holy company in hevyn and my body to be buryed in the chauncell of seant Mighell in Wychenforde. Itm̄ I bequeth to the Modre Church of o^{r} blessyd Virgyn of Worcestre ten shillings Itm̄ to the high ault^{r} of seant Mighell of Wychenforde fourtie pence. Itm̄ I bequeth to the pisshon̄s of Wychenford all the sylke of my red damaske gown to thentent that they make therof a copp to shue in the church of Wychenforde Itm̄ I bequeth to my sonnes Robert[1] — and Richard to ther fynding to scole xx^{li} sterling to be paid by myn executours The resydue of my goodes not bequethyd I putt theym to the disposicion of Elizabeth my wyff and of — th'abovenamed Walt my sone whome I ordeigne & make myn executours to se my body buryd when it is butt erth and my detts paide and to doo for my sole bet^{o} than I have diuised.

And ou^{o} thise knowe almen that where I thabovenamed John Wasshborne by my deds indentyd have enfeoffyd Nicholas ffolyatt Fraunces ffolyatt my above named sone Walter Wasshborn and othre to pforme my last wyll thentent of that ffeoffament my wyll is thus that after my discease my executours to be? & takers of the rents issues & pffects of all my hole lands & tenements conteigned in the seide ffeffament ffurst to se my detts payde And my suyrties discharged agenst Thomas Acton Gentilman of Stanforde for the some of threscore pounds & ten sterling. Also I will that ther be paide & delyu'ed to my

[1] There is some mistake here, as Robert, his son, was dead. Query, should it be Anthony and Richard, the children of the second wife?

doughtor Ann toward her fynding & pmocion a hundred mrcs sterling Saluyng alwey my wyffs right when it shall happen These rents issues & pffects to be taken by my seid executours during the nonne age of my Nevewse heyr John Wasshborn soñe of Robert Wasshborne disceassyd. Wryttin and declaryd the day & yere aboveseid in the psence of the psons above rehercyd.

(Proved 3 Nov. 1517.)

He died, three days after the making of his will, on May 6th, 1517, and an Inquisition was held at Kidderminster eighteen months later, of which the following is a copy :—

Inquisitio capta apud Kedyrmistr in com. Wygorn 29 Nov. 10 Hen. 8 coram Nicõo ffolyatt arm. post mortem Johannis Washeborne armigeri, per sacramentum Willmi Prece? gen. Willmi Trynett genõsi Johannis Ridding genõsi Rici Dedick genõsi Willmi Andrewe genõsi Johannis Porte Thome Pensam Nich. Barnesley Johñis Harcroffte Johis Hawks Edmundi Wennerton Edwardi Tyler et Rici Eggeley, qui dicunt sup. sacrm sũ qd pdict Johñes Washeborn fuit seit de maneriis de Wychynfford et terris et teñts in Westmancote Norton—nonon de terris et teñts in Knyghts Washeborne Smyte et Esthm in coñ pdict in dñco suo ut de feodr et possessionatr in dicta vita sua p cartã sũ indentatar cuius datr est apud [not filled in] primo die mensr Maij anno dñi dñi R. nono ffeofavit Armulphm Gower Henricũ Durant et alios ad pformandr suã ultimã voluntatem—et ulterius dicunt qd. pdicr manerium de Wychynford et terra et teñta in Bredon Westmoncote Norton & Knyghts Washbourne tenentr de dño Epõ Wigorn p sũicr militarr et valr p ann. in oñibus ultr reprisr xlvli—Et qd. pdict. terr. et tenementr in Smyte et Esthm tenentr de diũs dmñis in soccag sed qd reddr dictr ignoscr et valet p anr in oñibs ultra reprisr ixli—Et ulterius dicunt qd pdict Johes Washeborn non tenuit aliqua terr et tenta in com pdictr de dictr dno Rege—Et ulterius dicũt qd pdict Johes Washeborn obiit sexto die mensis Maij anno dñi dñi R. nono.—Et eciar dicũt qd Johẽs Washeborn filius Robti Washeborn est consanguinius et heres ppinquior pdci Johnis Washeborn armigeri, et fuit etaīs tempe mortr pdicti Johñis Washeborn armigeri xvij annor et ultra. (Inq. p.m., Series II., vol. xxxiii., No. 68.)

Of the properties mentioned, Smyte takes us back to his

ancestor, John de Dufford (No. 2), who held land there: Westmancote and Norton in Bredon had also been held by the same ancestor; so, too, Knight's Washbourne. The Eastham property came probably through (his great-grandfather) Peter's marriage with Isolde Hanley, of Hanley William, in the parish of Eastham.

It will be noticed that his heir and grandson, John (10), was seventeen at the time of his death, and was therefore born in or about 1500.

He was buried in Wichenford Church. Habingdon gives the following description of his tomb, which resembled that of his grandfather, John (No. 6), given above on pages 22, 23 :—

> On the southe syde of[1] chauncell the lyke monument, but raysed from the ground, A man armed as before with his wyfe[1] his right hand, the Armes defaced: the Inscription,
>
> > Hic iacent Johannes Washborne Armiger filius et he[1] Normanni Washborn Armigeri qui quidem Johannes obijt die Mensis . . . A.D. . . . ,
>
> the rest is van.[1] Heere is a descent of John, Norman, and John Wasbourn.

This monument has disappeared like that of his grandfather. They were there, one on either side of the chancel, when Habingdon wrote, about 1640, though even then much worn. At first sight it would seem they were there, too, when Nash wrote (1781), for he says, "In the north side of the chancel there is an ancient tomb of alabaster now upon the ground," "On the south side of the chancel now on the ground there is a monument," and he speaks of the arms on the latter tomb as "defaced but so discernible as to shew they were the arms of Washborne's." On the other hand, Nash acknowledges that he copied the inscriptions from Habingdon, and so probably he is

[1] "The margin at the right hand of the whole of this page has been cut." (Note in Habingdon.)

describing what in his day had already ceased to exist. If, however, the tombs were there in Nash's day, the probability is that they were removed in 1841, when the church was reseated and two high pews erected in the chancel in place of the movable benches in use up till then.

THE FAMILY OF JOHN (8) BY HIS FIRST WIFE, JOAN MITTON :—

1. ROBERT (9), heir: died in the lifetime of his father (p. 65).

2. John, of Bengeworth. See following digression.

3. Walter was apparently grown up in 1517, as he was appointed executor of his father's will. From the will[1] of his nephew, John (10), it appears that he had lands in Upper and Lower Slaughter, which are villages in the south-east of Gloucestershire, near Stow-on-the-Wold, but how these lands came to John does not appear. A few miles north-east of the Slaughters is Batsford, where lived an Edward Washbourne, whose will was proved in 1584, and who possibly was a relative of Walter, though there seems to be nothing in his will to connect him with the Wichenford family.

4. Francis: no particulars forthcoming.

A long digression of twenty-three pages is here necessary to deal with this second son of John (8), viz.:—

JOHN[9], the founder of the BENGEWORTH branch, and his

AMERICAN DESCENDANTS.

At the time when registers became compulsory (1538) he appears on the scene with his wife Emme, residing at Bengeworth, which adjoins the town of Evesham and is a few miles distant from Little Washbourne. They were then quite middle-aged persons, having four grown-up

[1] See p. 67.

children and several grandchildren. John was buried there in 1546 and Emme in 1547. It is not difficult to imagine the reasons why and the circumstances under which John struck out from Wichenford and migrated to the neighbourhood of Evesham to seek his fortune in the town, as younger sons had, and still have, to do away from the paternal roof, though the exact date of his departure can only be guessed. Perhaps he left in his father's lifetime when his prospects cannot have seemed very rosy, inasmuch as, in addition to two younger brothers, he had an elder brother with a son destined to become the head of the family, and saw the introduction into the family home by his father of a second wife, and in due course of two more brothers, Anthony and Richard. More probably he left in 1517, when his father died. He found himself overlooked in the will, and saw his young nephew of seventeen become owner of Wichenford and Knight's Washbourne, with the management of affairs left in the hands of a son younger than himself, viz. Walter, and the stepmother, Elizabeth Monington. At any rate, he went forth and became progenitor of the branch which flourished at Bengeworth for a long period, and from which came the famous John who went to America, sending for his wife Margery and their two sons to follow him in 1635. William, one of the sons of John and Emme, settled at Bretforton, a village near to Bengeworth. (See pp. 54–57.)

The following from Habingdon's description of the arms in Bengeworth Church points to the fact that this branch used the family arms and maintained a good position :—

> In the east windowe of the southe Ile Orate pro anima Willielmi Chyryton. In the west windowe of the southe Ile Party per cheueron Asure and Gules, 3 cups couered Or. 2 and 1. *I thincke should be Boteler.* And theare John Washborne and Richard Cawis Benefactors (I thincke). (Vol. i., p. 215.)

From the evidences now to be given, viz. (*a*) wills of the family in the District Probate Registry at Worcester, (*b*) the Bengeworth register, and (*c*) transcripts of that register now in Edgar Tower, Worcester, the pedigree of this Bengeworth branch can be clearly deduced, and incontestable proof is provided that the John who went to America and sent in 1635 for his wife Margery and their sons was the great-grandson of John and Emme, the founders of the branch. (See pedigree on p. 57.)

(*a*) WILLS

WILL OF JOHN WASHEBURNE DE BENGWORTHE (1546)

In the name of God Amen the xxvij day of December the yere of o^r^ lord mccccxlvj, & in the xxxviij yere of the Rayne of o^r^ Soũaygne lord Henry the viij by the grace of God Kynge of Englande fraunce & Ireland Defendor of the faythe and in erthe of the churche of England & also of Irelande the sup'me head. I John Wassheburne husbandma^n^ dwellynge in the pishe of bengeworthe w^in^ the dioces of Worcester beynge sike in body neu'thelesse of good & perfecte mynde & memorie thanks be to God therfore do ordeyne & make this my testament & last will in forme & man^r^ folowing—first I bequethe my soule unto Almyghty God, & my body to be buryed w^in^ the eccliasticall sepulture of my pishe churche of bengeworthe aforenamed & soche temporall goods as my lord god hathe lente me & to be orderyd & disposed as herafter folowethe to the true execuc̃on wherof I do constitute & make Em̃e my wiffe my sole Executrice & Thom̃s Shreve of Hampton & Wiłłm Wassheburne my soñe supvisors or ou'sears to the same. Itm̃ I will my body be honestly brought unto the sepulture w^th^ solempne dirige & masse for my soule & all christen soules. Itm̃ I bequethe unto my pishe churche of bengworthe aforesayde ij strike of whete & ij strike of barley. Itm̃ I bequethe unto Wiłłm my sone my bigger sestarne a carte brydle & a mattocke. Itm̃ I bequethe unto John my soñe my lesser sestarne, an ewtinge fatte, a carte bridle & a mattocke. Itm̃ I bequethe unto the ij children of Wiłłm my soñe & to the ij children of John my soñe eũy one of them ij^s^. Itm̃ I bequethe unto the iij children of Robte Marten my soñe in lawe & to the one childe of Danyell Hide myne other soñe in lawe

eũy one of them like wisse ij^{s}. The Residue of my goods in this testament not bequethed I give & bequethe unto Eme my wiffe and Executrix above named w^{t}. all my howses lands & grownds therto belonging lyinge w^{t}in the towe & filde of bengeworthe aforesayd she to have the sayd howses lands & grownds duryng her naturall liffe & aft^{r} her decesse I will John my soñe shall inherite & haue vnto him & his eyre male for eũ all my foresayd howses lands & grownds & he or his eyres to pay unto Wiłłm my sone so longe as the sayde Wiłłm shall lyue out of the sayd grownde yerely vi^{s}. viij^{d}. & the sayde Wiłłm my soñe shall pay for the same yerely to Alice Marten my daughter duryng theyer ij lyves to gether ij strike of whete to be deliũed one strike at Christmas & another at Aster and John my soñe shall pay unto Katherine Hide my other daughter yerly duryng her naturall life too strike of whete to be deliũed in like man^{r} & in case that eyther of my soñs aforenamed happen to die my ij daughters Aloise & Katheryn being alive then will I that the lenger lyv^{r} of my seyd ij sones shall pay unto my ij daughters the hole some of whete aforenamed or iff bothe my soñes decesse then they to have the forsayde whete durynge theyer lifes out of my grounde aforenamed and yf it happen that John my soñe have no eyer male then I will that after his decesse Wiłłm my sone & his eyre male yf he have any shall inherite the sayde howses lands & grownds for eũ & in case that neyther of my soñes John nor Wiłłm have eny eyer male then will I that the eldest daughter of John my sone shall inherite the sayd howses lands and grownds afore specified to pay out of the same to the eldest daughter of Wiłłm my soñe duryng her naturall liffe yerly halfe the rent of the same w^{ch} is vij^{s} vj^{d}. and then the forsayde howses lands & grownds to remayne to the eyer gen'all for eũ This is my full testament & last will written the day & yere above specified. These beyng witnesse Thoms Shreve Thoms Marten Wiłłm Clente & Thoms Trewelove w^{t} other.

Pbat^{r} corã dco Comiss^{r} die anno et loco pdict^{o} qu^{r} iurat etc. & exhibuit Inventariũ ad suma xxvij^{li} viij^{s} viij^{d}.

WILL OF EMMA OF BENGEWORTH (1547)

In the name of God amen the 1 day of maij the yere of o^{r} lord 1547 & in the firste yere of the raygne of o^{r} souaygn lord Edward the vj by the grace of god Kyng of England france & Ireland defender of the faythe & of the churche of England & also of

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TILDEN FOUNDATIONS

Ireland on erthe the sup'me hed—I Emme Wasborn dwellynge in the pishe of Bengeworthe wthin the dioc of Worceter beyinge sike in body neutheles of pfecte mynde & good memorie thanked be god do ordeyne & make this my testament & last will in forme & man^{r} as herafter folowethe—first I bequethe my soule unto Almyghty god, the glorius virgin saynte mary & to the company of all blessed angells & saynts in hevyn, & my body to be buryed wthin the churcheyard of Bengworthe—Itm̄ I give & bequethe to Danyell Hide my best cowe ij couple of shippe a quarter of whete & another of barley a flaxen shete & ij hurden shets—Itm̄ I bequethe to Katherine Hide my daughter a redd curtell my best gowne my best cappe my fetherbedde my best kamiccs[1] a bolster a potte a lande of whete at the weathis a baknhogge a coffer that I bought of Thom̄s Swerdebrake and iij stiks of whight clothe—Itm̄ I bequethe to Alis Merton my daughter a tophedid kowe 8 quarter of whete another of barley my seconde gown my second cappe my best peticote my mantyll iiij striks of whight clothe ij smocks a naperne iiij payer of hurden shets and one flaxen shete —Itm̄ I bequethe to John M'ten ij coples of shepe & a newe pewter dishe—Itm̄ I bequethe to William Merten ij cowpulls of shippe & a platter. Itm I bequethe to Margarete M'ten ij couples of shepe my best hooke of silū & a platter—Itm̄ I bequethe to Willm Wasborn my sone a browne cowe to his wiffe my best kertell & ij kercheffes—To Katherine his daughter my best panne a platter & one couple of shepe—To Agnes his daughter a panne & caudern a plater my best beads my second peyer of hoks & one couple of shepe.—I bequethe to the churche of Bengeworth ij striks of barley—Itm̄ I bequethe to the yonge mens lyght ij striks of barley—Itm̄ I bequethe to Wiłłm Blaklowe a hurden shete—Itm̄ I bequeth to Em̄e Rutt^{r} a hurden shete—Itm̄ I bequethe to Agnes Ordeweye a hurden shete—Itm̄ I bequethe to Johane Davis a hurden shete—Itm̄ I bequethe to Em̄e Gowgzht a hurden shete—I gyue & will that the xvj^{d} that ys receaved for a certayne hade (?) in the filde eu'y yere shalbe bestowed for my husbands soule & myne wthin the churche of bengeworthe eu'y yere onse to have dirge & masse for ou'soules and all christen soules—The residue of all my other goods and catall above not bequethed I give and put in the disposicōn of John Wasbord my sōne whom I do ordeyne & make my executore and he to dispose them for the welthe of my soule & all Christen soules as he thinkethe best to be done—To this witnessithe Rich. felps the

[1] That is, Cambrics. The Flemish name of Cambray is Kameryk.

elder Richard felps the yong^r. Robte Ordewey Willm Payge my curate & gostly father w^th other.—Dated the yere monethe & day aboue wryghtyn—

Pbatū etc. corā dčo Comissiŏ etc. apud Euishm̄ xv die mens' Junij anno dm 1547 qui iurat etc. Exhibuit Inventarm̄ etc. ad sum̄a xvij^li xvij^s x^d.

Re ESTATE OF JOHN OF BENGEWORTH (*d.* 1593)

Noūint univ̄si p pn̄tes me Johnem Wasburne de Bengeworth in com̄ Wigorn Yeoma̅ teneri & firmit^r obligari Richo Cosin leg̅ Doctori Arthuro Purefay Artiū mag̃ro & Robto Warmstry no^rio pubčo in cent̄ libris legalis monete Anglie solvend eisdem Richo Arthuro & Robto execut̅ vel adm̄b^s suis Ad quam quidem solucōem bene & fidel̄ faciend obligo me heredes execut̅ vel adm̄nes meos firmit^r p pntes Sigillo meo sigillat̅ Dat̅ xij Die mensis Julij Anno Rn̄i Dn̄e ñre ñre Elizē Dei grat̅ Angl' Ffrauncie & Hibn̄ie Rn̄e fidei Defensoris &c Tricesimo Quinto.

The condičon of this obligačon is suche that if Iohn Washburne Administrator of the goods chattells and detts of Iohn Washburne his Father late decessed of Bengworth in the Dioce̅ of Worc^r Do & shall well and truly pay his detts so farre as his goods will extend & do yeild a true Account of his adm̄non mad in & upon the sayd goods & chattells unto the Ordinary of the Dioče of Worc^r for the time being or any other iudge competent in that behalf when & wher as he shalbe thereunto required & also do & shall well & truly p̄forme the Decree of sayd Ordinary or like iudge touchinge the disposinge of the sayd goods and chattells or any p̄te or p̄cell of them to any p̄son or p̄sons whatsoev^r & also do & shall exhibit unto the sayd Ordinary or like cōpetent iudge a true & p̄fect Inventory of all the sayd goods & chattells on thissid the feast of S^t. Michaell tharkangell next insuinge & also yf the sayd Administrator do & shall defend & save harmlesse the sayd Obligees & every of them always against all p̄sons for graunting sealing and deliveringe unto him L̄res of Adm̄on or auctority to administer the sayd goods & chattells & for all other causes w^ch may ensue by reason or occasion thereof that then this p̄sent obligacon to be voyd or ells to remayne in full force and strengthe.

The Inventorye of all the goods chattells & cattells moveable and unmoveable whatsoev^r late of Iohn Wasborne thelder late of Bengworth in the Countye of Worcester Yeoman deceassed made

the xx^th^ daye of September 1593 An° R^ne^ Elizabeth &c. xxxv^to^. And praysed by Iohn Dacle Thomas Ordway Iohn Hall & Iohn Smyth as here followeth, vilt—

In the Hall

Imprimis One table borde one forme j chayre j cupborde, benches and paynted clothes there	x^s^
Itm iiij^or^ maslyn basyns xj platters j chaffyn dishe viij candlesticks j ewer ij pynte potts ij salts & viij pottingers	xlv^s^
Itm j payre of andyrons j payre of tongs j fyre shovell lynks and hooks in the chymney .	ij^s^ vj^d^
Itm the glass and lattesses in the wyndowes .	iij^s^

In the Chamber next the Hall

Itm ij bedsteeds vij coffers ij square tables j cheare & ij shelfes	xxv^s^
Itm the glass in the wyndows . . .	v^s^
Itm j fetherbed j flockbed j coverlet ij blanketts ij canvesses iiij^or^ bolsters ij pillowes & iij pillowes bures	xl^s^
Itm the paynted clothes	ij^s^
Itm One brasyn morter & a pestill . .	v^s^
Itm xxv payre of sheets iiij^or^ table clothes iij towells ij pillowes bures & iij blanketts .	vj^li^

In the Sollers o^v^ the Hall & Chamber

Itm wollen yarne & flaxe	iiij^li^
Itm v coffers j chese cratche & xxx smale cheeses	xx^s^
Itm ij bedsteeds ij flockbedds certayne woodden vessells and other small ymplem^ts^ there .	xx^s^
Itm vij quarters of malte & xx busshells of pulse	v^li^

In the Kytchin

Itm ix brasse potts & iiij^or^ brasse pannes .	viij^li^
Itm iij caldrens ij skelletts iij pewter dishes j drippinge pan iij broches j fryinge pan & ij payre of racks	xxiiij^s^
Itm one malte myll ij old cupbords Tubbes barrells & other small ymplements there .	xl^s^
Itm iij flitchins of bacon	x^s^

In the Backsyde

Itm the corne in the Barnes & Ricks saye x fodder	l[li]
Itm the tymber	l[s]
Itm the woode & fewell	vj[li] xiij[s] iiij[d]
Itm ij payre of yron bound wheeles ij longe carts & ij donge carts	liij[s] iiij[d]
Itm iij plowes iij harrowes iij oxe toes w[th] other ymplem[te] of husbandry . . .	xl[s]
Itm ij stone troughes	x[s]
Itm v horses w[th] theire harnesses . .	xx[li]
Itm vj kyne & iiij[or] yonge beasts . .	x[li]
Itm xij sylver spones	xxvj[s] viij[d]
Itm his apparrell	xx[s]

Sum total cxxxij[li] iiij[s] x[d].

Exhibit vicesimo sedo
Septebris 1593

WILL OF JOHN OF BENGEWORTH (1624)

In the name of god amen the iiii[th] day of august año dñi 1624 and in the xxii[th] yeare of the raigne of o[r] Souagne Lord James by the grace of god King of England Ffraunce & Ireland Defender of the faith & of Scotland the lviii[the]. I John Washborne of Bengworth in the Borrough of Euesham in the countie of worcester being verie weake & sicke in bodie but of good & p'fect memory thanks be to God doe ordaine this my last will & testam[t] in manner & fforme ffollowing. Ffirst I bequeath my Soule into the hands of Almightie God nothing doubting but that throrough his infinite mercies in Christ Jesus he will receave it. Item I giue unto my Sonne in law Isaacke Averell Thirty pounds of good & lawfull money of England to be paid unto him in manñ & form following vidlt (?) that is to say Fifteene pounds w[th]in one yeare next after my decease & the other fifteene pounds w[th]in three yeares next after my decease. Itm I giue unto my Daughter Joane Wasborne ffiftie pounds of good & lawfull money of England to be paid unto hir the one Halfe at hir day of marriadge & the other wthin the space of fouer years next Ensueing after her day of marriage Provided that she marry w[th] the consent assent & good lyking of her mother & my Brother in Law John Timbrell Itm I giue unto my Sone Williã Wasborne forty pounds the one halfe to be paid wthin

six monethes after my decease & the other xx^ti^ pounds w^th^in six yeares next after my decease Itm̃ I giue unto my loving Wife all my houshoulde stuffe to be at her disposinge The residue of my Lands Cattells & Chattells moueable & unmoueable I giue & bequeath unto my Sonne John Washborne whom I make Executor of this my last will & testam^t^. & whom I ordaine & appoint to pay all the aforesaid bequeathes in manñ & forme aforesaid.

Memorandũ that before the signing hereof the above said John Washborne did giue & bequeath unto Jane the daughter of Isaacke Averell one Heyfer of a yeare old to be delivered her when she comes to the age of five yeares.

In witnes of all w^ch^ the said John Washborne being blinde & not able to sett to his hand hath authorised his Brother John Tymbrell for him & in his steed to subscribe to these psents w^th^ his name or marke the Day & yeare first above written.

Read published & signed w^th^ this word (lands) interlined in the seaventeenth line before the ensealing & signing hereof before

John Washborne.

John Balam
John Tymbrell
Joseph Phelpes

Probat. wigorn. 26 ffebruary 1624 . . . p Johẽm Washborne filiũ et executorem jurat.

An Inventorie of all the goods & chattells of John Washborne of Bengworth late deceaesd made the xi^th^ day of Decemb^r^ anno Dni 1624.

Impm̃is his wearing appell	3^l^
Itm̃ in the lower iner chamb^r^ one cubbord one pesse & one bed w^th^ his furniture Barrells bed healings linnin & other impleme^s^ . .	22^l^
Itm̃ in the Hall one table board w^th^ his frame, formes & benches w^th^ one cubbord & one little table w^th^ one joyne chayer w^th^ pewter & bras shelves cheeses & other implem^ts^ . .	4^l^ 10^s^
Itm̃ in the Kitchin & in the loft above one table board bras potts kettles pailes one cheesering towe beds & other implements . . .	2^l^ 3^s^
Itm in the loft above the Hall fowr bedds wheat barley & poulse coffers boards & cheeses & other implements	15^l^ 10^s^

Itm The horses geares carts plowes & harrowes . 9 & 30[l]
Itm the hay & talletts and hay . . . 8[l] 10[s]
Itm Timb[r] & wood & ladders & rackes . . 6[l]
Itm the wheate Barley & poulse . . . 82[l]
Itm the kine . . . . . 20[l]
Itm the sheep . . . . . 10[l]
Itm the swine . . . . . 2[l]
Itm the heams cartropes pig-troughes & horse-troughe . . . . . 10[s]
Sum totalis is . . . . ccxv[l] iij[s]

Prisors
Joseph Phelpes
John Tymbrell
Tho. Ordway

WILL OF MARTHA, WIDOW (1625)

In the name of god Amen the nine and tentie daye of Septtember 1625 and in the furst eare of the Raine of oor Souvange lord Charles by the grace of god Kinge of England France and Ireland Defender of the Fayth & of Scotland the lviiii[th] (?)[1] I marthae wasburne of Bengworthe widdoe in the burroghe of Evesham in the contie of worster beinge verie weake & sicke in body but of a good & perfett memory thankes be to god I doe ordaine this my laste will & testament in manner & forme followinge ffirst I bequeathe my soule in to the hand of Almight god no thinge doutinge but that through His infinit mercies in Christ Jesus He will receiuve hit. Item I giue unto my dautter Jone Washborne all the nue clouth and the best of all my houshns stufe and the rest of stoufe to be at my brouther John Tembrel dispousing.

witnes ales watsone, and
ales orwaye
annes hale.

(Proved at Worcester 9 May 1626)

A true Inventorie of the goodes of Martha Washbourne Widowe that shee died sesed of.

Imprimese all heir aparele . . . . v[l]
It: j bedsted j fetherbed and boulsteres and pilowes and clothe j pres j cheste iiij coferes . iiij[l]

[1] Apparently Martha had a form of will before her and put lviii[th] or lviiii[th], forgetting at first that King James' length of reign over Scotland was not applicable to his son Charles I., who had but lately succeeded to the throne.

It: of linen iij hollan sheetes v peare of flaxsone sheetes v ꝑ and a halfe of hempen sheetes xiiij napkines ij toweles iiij pilowes beares . . iiij^{l} v^{s}
It: in the hawle ij table bordes ij formes j cowberde j chaier . . . . . xx^{s}
It: of pewter xviij platteres vj candlestikes xij peres of smawle pewter iij basones and j yewer xl^{s}
Iꝑ. for vj coshines . . . . . v^{s}
Iꝑ. in the chamber in soller iij bedstedes iij flock bedes and bowlsteres and bedinge belongine to them . . . . . xl^{s}
Iꝑ. in the soller iiij coferes and j table borde . vj^{s} viij^{d}
Iꝑ. j brase potes ij brase panes iiij cawtherins j pote posnet j dabnet . . . . iiij^{l}
It: in ierne ware . . . . . vj^{s} viij^{d}
Iꝑ. in cowperi ware . . . . . xj^{s}
Iꝑ. ij bedhealinges . . . . . xx^{s}
The sume is xxiiij^{l} xiij^{s} viij^{d}

By the Prayseres
John Timbrell
Richard Moore
Richarde Haye

(*b*) ENTRIES IN THE BENGEWORTH REGISTER

All the Washbourne entries of baptisms, weddings, and burials between 1538 and 1622 will now be given, except those relating to Giles who went from Wichenford to settle at Bengeworth in 1606 among his kinsmen. These latter will be found on pp. 100–103. It was customary in Elizabeth's reign to give after the name of the child baptized the names of the godparents, and the entries where Washbournes acted as godparents are here inserted because they, together with the above wills, enable the reader to form a good idea of the circle of friends they had there. Among others were the Ordeways, Dacles, Hydes, Martens, Shorthasells, Phelpses, and Timbrells.

The more important entries are for convenience given

in italics, and those in inverted commas are exact copies without abbreviation :—

1539. Buried. Itm̄ the 23 ffeb. Thom̄s Wasborne.
1542. "*Itm̄ the 21th daye of Apryll were married John Wasborne and Jone Bushell.*"
1543. 12 June Margarett Wasborne Christened.
1544. 5 Oct. Johanne Wasborne Bapt.
1546. 8 Jan. *John Wasborne Bur.*
1547. 6 Aug. Agnes Wasborne Christened.
1547. 13 May *Emme Wasborne Bur.*
1549. 4 Oct. Willm̄ Butler & Katherin Wasborne Bapt.
1551. "It. the last daye of January was christened John Franklen alias Wasborne."
1556. (Under Baptisms) "Itm̄ the first daye of August Wasborne willm̄ Robarts Ewens Marten godfathers & Agnes Horton godmother."
3rd & 4th Phil. & Mary. 4 Apr. *Jone Wasborn* Bur.
1558. 16 Feb. Margaret Wasborne Bur.
1558. 27 Feb. Mergaret Wasborne Bur.
1560. 17 Sept. Wm Wasborne alias Blissard Bur.
1560. 7 Mch. Alyce Wasborne Bur.
1561. "*Inpris the eight daye of maye John wasborne and Jone whithead were married.*"

Under Baptisms :—

1562. 21 Sept. John Cobberley, John Wasborne & John Smithe godfathers & Jone Marten godmother.
1562. 11 Oct. John wyllys, John Wasborne & Robart ordway godfathers & marryan Dacle godmother.
1562. 24 Jan. Jone Bugden. John Wasborne godfather.
1563. 10 Mch. Marryan Wyllis, Margarett Wasborne & Agnes Ordway godmothers, John Baker godfather.
1564. 8 July Jone Bennett, Jone Wasborne & Margery Mylnar godmothers, John Inggram godfather
1564. Jone Uxū ?, Jone Wasborne & Jone Moringe godmothers & Thos Barnes godfather.
1566. 15 Sept. Margarett Carlesse, Margaret Wasborn godmother.
1567. 1 Apr. John Bee, John Wasborne & John Norton godfathers, & Margarett Ordwaye godmother.
1567. 23 Apr. "*Jone Wasborne uxor.*" Bur.

1569. 22 May Agnes Henley, bapt. Jno Wasborne godfather. Margarett Ordway godmother.
1569. 19 Oct. John Bushell and Margarett Wasborne, marr.
1570. 22 Dec. Marian Syddoll bapt. Jno. Wasborne godfather.
1573. 24 Apr. Darety Bee, bapt. Agnes Wasborne godmother.
1575. 16 Feb. Humphrey More and Margery Ordwaye—married.
1576. 13 Jan. Margarett Cottesley bapt. Margarett Wasborne godmother.
1576. 11 Feb. Jone Phelps bapt. Elinor Wasborne godmother.

No entries for 1577 and 1578.

1579. 21 Feb. Radegonne Wasborne dau of John Wasborne, christened.
1580. 21 Aug. W^m^ Wasborne, bur.
1582. 17 June Daniell Wasborne son of John Wasborne, christened.
1584. 7 Dec. Mary Wasborne dau. of John Wasborne, christened.
1592. 3 June Margarett Wasborne, bur.
1593. 13 Oct.[1] *Iohn Wasborne*, bur.
1594. 14 Feb. Thomas Shorthasell, bapt. Jno. Wasborne godfather.
1596. 26 June Jone Horne, bapt: Gyles Wasborne godfather, Jone Shorthasell & Elnor Dacle godmothers.
1596. "*Inp'is John Wasborne & Martha Stevens were married the vi^th^ of July.*"
1597. "*The second of July was baptised John Wasborne the sonne of John Wasborne.*"
1598. 7 Feb. George Taute, bapt. John Wasborne godfather.
1598. 27 Feb. Martha Price bapt Martha Wasborne godmother.
1599. 10 May Martha Griffine, dau. of Edw^d^ bapt. Martha Wasborne godmother.
1599. 2 Dec. Jane Wasborne dau. of John, bapt. M^rs^ Jane Watson Agnes Shorthasell and Isaac Diston god^s^.
1601. 9 Nov. William the sonne of John Wasborne, bapt.

(No entries between July and Feb. 1602: "hic defunt aliqua nomina".)

1604. 11 Apr. Jone dau. of Jno Wasborne, bapt.

(Only four baptisms in 1609; none in 1610 and 1611.)

[1] This month is incorrect as Letters of Administration were granted to his son John on July 12th (cf. p. 40). The entry in the register is clear and distinct.

1618. (Under the Marriages) "*John Washeburne & Margery Moore.*" (The ink is faded; but the date looks like the 23rd November.)

1619. 3 Oct. Mary ye dau. of John Washeburne, bapt.

1620. "*John ye son of John Washburne ye xxvi of Novembr,*" bapt.

1622. "*Philip ye sonne of John Washeburne June ye*" : (The date is not clear; ink faded.) bapt.

After 1622 comes a gap[1] for thirty years in the register which begins again with 1652. As the ink is very faint and the entries for 1618–22 are likely to be indecipherable before long, it is thought well to put on record that—

(i.) John's marriage is on folio 71A, the third of the three in 1618.

(ii.) His son John's baptism is on folio 56B, the twenty-third out of the thirty-six in 1620.

(iii.) Philip's baptism is on folio 57A, the fourth out of the twenty-six for 1622.

(*c*) TRANSCRIPTS

In addition to the register at Bengeworth there are available, at the Bishop's Registry in Worcester, transcripts (or copies of the register required to be sent in yearly to the Bishop) for the following years between 1600 and 1660: 1611, 1618, 1620, 1622, 1624, 1625, 1626, 1628, 1630, 1631, 1632, 1636, 1637, 1639.

The following entries occur in them, and as some parts of the transcripts have been torn off and others are

[1] The register is written well and regularly up to about 1604, but from that time onwards the entries are comparatively few and the writing is often hard to read. First come the baptisms up till 1622. Then the burials 1599–1619: there are none for 1605, several in 1606, two in 1607, one in 1608, none in 1609 and 1610, two in 1611, several in 1612, four in 1613, and so on.

Next come six folios of carelessly-made entries chiefly between 1652 and 1672.

Then come weddings 1599–1622. There are none for 1604 and 1605, five in 1606, none in 1607, one in 1608, none for the years 1609–13, one in 1614, four in 1615, nine in 1616, seven in 1617, three in 1618, four in 1619. Baptisms and burials begin again with 1675 and weddings a little later.

indecipherable through damp it is possible there were also other Washbourne entries :—

T. 1611. Richard Hide & mary Washeburne, mar. July 6th.

T. 1620. Under Baptisms :—
"*John ye sonne of John Washeburne ye xxvith of Nouembr.*"

T. 1622. Under Baptisms :—
"*Phillipp Wasborne the sonne of John Wasborne 2th June.*"
And, under Burials (the entries in this transcript are very distinct and the writing good) :—
"*Phillip Wasborne 7 June.*"

T. 1624. "*Old John Washeburne buried ye fift of August.*"

T. 1625 has at the bottom the names "*Jhon Washborn* Thomas Hide Churchwardens."

T. 1626. "Sara, the daughter of William Washeborne was baptised March ye 26."
"John Shorthazel & Jne Washeburne were maried ye 9 ? of May."
"Thomas Shorthazel & Elizabeth Pitway ye first of August."

T. 1636. "Jonne the wiff of John Sharthasell the 20 ? of December." Bur.
"Martha the daughter of william washborne the 14 Feaburary." Bur.

T. 1637. "Marthathea (*sic*) the daughter of william washborne the 18th decembr." Bapt.
Jonne Shorthasell. March 22, bur.
Edward Shorthasell. March 22, bur.

T. 1639. John Shortasell and Mary Pheallpes, mar. 29 April.
"Mary the datter of John Shartasell," bapt. 16 March.

From the above it is clear that there were four generations of Johns at Bengeworth :—

John, No. 1, husband of Emme, died January, 1546–7, having two married sons and two married daughters.

John, No. 2, married in 1542 Jone Bushell (who died 3 and 4 Phil. and Mary), and in 1561 Jone Whithead (who died 1567). Apparently he had a third wife, the mother

of the three children born between 1579 and 1584, and if so his marriage may have taken place in 1577 or 1578, for which there are no entries. Buried 1593.

John, No. 3 (born after his grandfather made his will in December, 1546), was son of No. 2; this is clear from the Letters of Administration granted to him in 1593. But there is no record of his baptism, unless he was the unnamed male child baptized August 1st, 1556, in which case Jone Bushell was his mother. He is one of the twelve principal burgesses mentioned in the charter granted by King James to Evesham and Bengeworth in the third year of his reign (1605) constituting them a borough. He married (1596) Martha Stevens, and died 1624, being described in the transcript as "old," and he speaks of himself in his will as blind. Martha, his widow, died after September 29th, 1625, and before May 9th, 1626, when her will was proved.

John, No. 4, son of John by Martha Stevens, was born 1597, and married Margery Moore in 1618.

The facts well known to all their American descendants about this last couple are thus given in a letter of January 9th, 1900, sent by an American correspondent to the writer of these notes:—

"I should be greatly pleased if you would kindly aid me by securing the dates of the marriage of John Washburn who was first in this country, and whose wife Margerie with her two sons, John aged 14 and Phillip aged 11, came over in 1635.

The record of their sailing reads as follows:—

'xii° Aprilis 1635. In the Elizabeth & Ann, M^r. Roger Coop (Cooper) bound for New England p. cert. from the Maior of Evesham in Com. Worcester and from the 'Minister of y^e prsh of their conformitie,'

Margerie Washborn 49
Jo. Washborne 14
Phillipp Washborne 11 } 2 sonnes.'".

John was considerably younger than his wife. At the time of their marriage (November, 1618) he was a little over twenty-one, whereas she was just thirty, having been born in 1588. The entries of her baptism and of the wedding of her parents will be of interest to many, and are thus given in the Bengeworth Register :—

Under Weddings, 1585: "Robart more and Elen tayler the ixth of November."

Under Baptisms, 1588: "Itm Margery the Daughter of Robart More baptised the third of November."

As Mary, the eldest child of John and Margery, did not accompany her mother and brothers to America, it may reasonably be concluded that she was dead before they sailed in 1635. And the Philip, who was aged eleven in 1635 according to the record, must have been a second son of that name whose baptism is not forthcoming, and who would be born about 1623 or 1624, for it is clear beyond question that the boy of that name who was baptized on June 2nd, 1622, was buried five days later. Unfortunately there is no transcript extant for 1623, and the register is a blank.

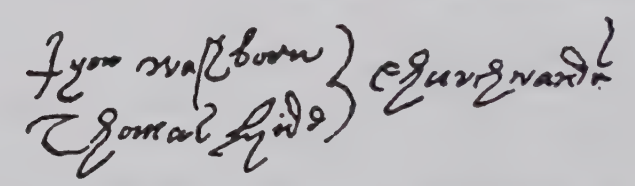
It is not clear when John went to America, but he did not leave Bengeworth until after he had buried his old blind father in the August of 1624, for in the February following, 1624–5, he attended at Worcester to prove his father's will. He was churchwarden of Bengeworth for the year 1625, which ended with what would now be called Lady Day, 1626, as the year then ran from Lady Day to Lady Day. On May 9th of that year (1626) his mother's will was proved.

We cannot therefore put his departure earlier than the summer of 1626, and it may of course have been much later. But clearly he was at Duxbury in 1632. He left his wife and children amid a big circle of friends and kins-

folk: first of all, there was his own brother William, who appears at Bengeworth as late as 1637; then his kinsman, Giles, of Wichenford birth, with his large family was also there up till 1636; close by, at Bretforton, would be doubtless many of his cousins. Margery would have, too, her own relatives, the Moores, and among other friends would be the Shorthazels, Phelpses, Ordeways, and Timbrells.

As to the much-debated question of the personality of the John Washborne who was the Secretary in England to the Plymouth Company up till 1628, when he resigned in favour of William Burgess,[1] and his identity with John, the husband of Margery Moore, who crossed over to Duxbury, there seems no possibility of a solution. The writer must content himself with these observations:—

1. The husband of Margery was, as stated above, churchwarden of Bengeworth for 1625, and his name appears as such at the bottom of the transcript for the



year. The Canons of 1603 still in force order the churchwardens to send in yearly to the Bishop within a month of March 25th a copy of all the entries in the register for the year "ended the said five and twentieth day of March" "to be subscribed with the hands of the said minister and churchwardens." But such actual signatures were not always attached to the copies, and the names of the officials were often written at the bottom instead. Whether John actually signed the transcript is uncertain; probably what appears is not his signature; but if it is, it bears not the slightest resemblance to the signature of

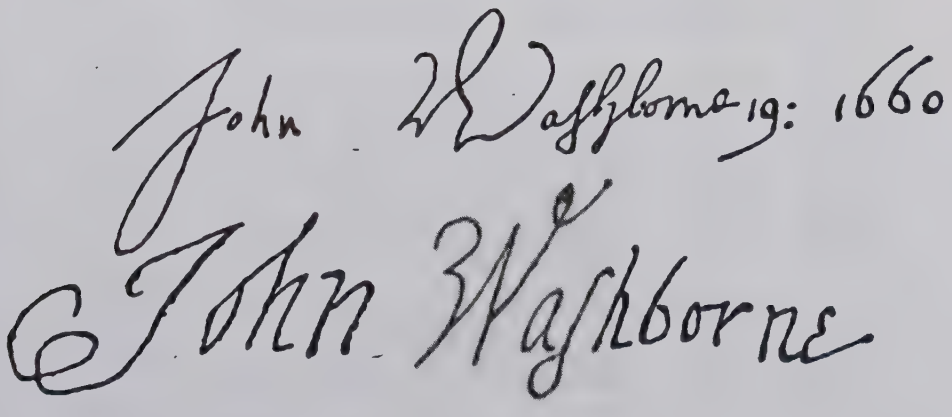
[1] Mrs. J. C. Washburn's *Notes of Washburn Genealogy*, p. 20.

John, the Secretary, in 1628, as given in Mrs. J. C. Washburn's book on page 21, and the inference to be drawn is that the two Johns were not identical.[1]

2. There seems no evidence for the supposition that the two Johns were identical, or that the Secretary came from the Bengeworth neighbourhood.

3. John was a very common name among the Washbournes. Besides John, the emigrant from Bengeworth, there were two Johns at Bretforton,[2] baptized 1562 and 1591 respectively, who were his cousins, and of whom no particulars are forthcoming. There was also John, younger brother of William (14), of Wichenford: he was born about 1601, and what became of him after 14 Jas. I° is not clear.[3] Robert, the merchant of London, brother of

[1] In a blank space in the Bengeworth register between the burials for 1613 and 1614 are two signatures, but who the Johns were is not clear. Apparently the one was nineteen years old in 1660, when the signatures seem to have been made for the sake of amusement:—



[2] See pp. 55-57.

[3] See p. 96.

John (12), of Wichenford, also had a son John[1] baptized in London in 1599. And possibly there were others, descendants of the six sons, unaccounted for, of Anthony (11), of Wichenford. In the face of this multiplicity of Johns and lack of evidence of identity, it seems more probable prima facie that the Secretary was a man connected with London rather than a resident in a small provincial place like Bengeworth.

One other point remains. It has been asked whether William, the brother of John Margery's husband, also went to America. It is impossible to say, but it is certain[2] he was at Bengeworth in 1637. Full particulars of the descendants in America of John and Margery are given in Mrs. J. C. Washburn's book.

The pedigree of the Bengeworth family is given below on page 57.

William, of Bretforton, son of John and Emme, of Bengeworth.

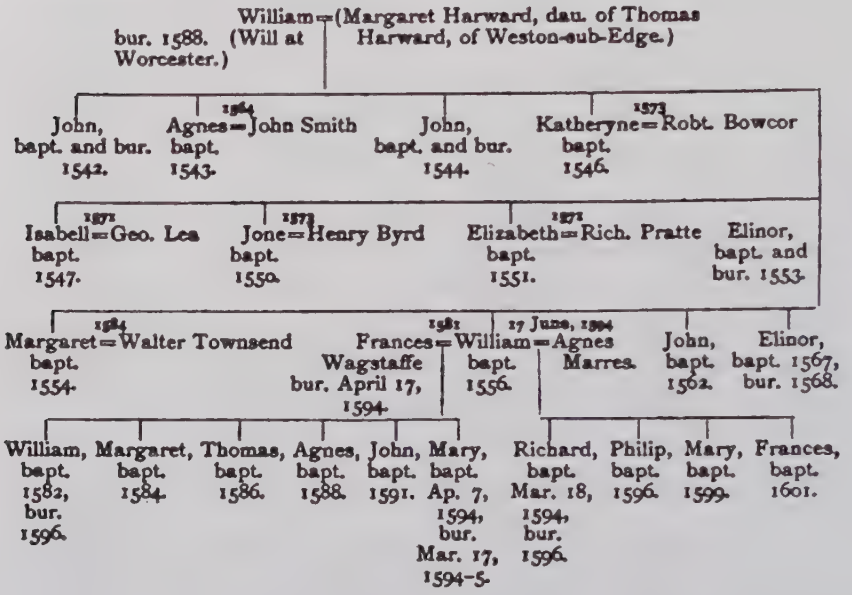
Having disposed of John, one of the sons of John and Emme, who succeeded them at Bengeworth, we come to the other, William, who settled at Bretforton, a neighbouring village. The following are the entries in the Bretforton register between 1538 and 1604 :—

1542.	30 July	Joh'n s. of Will'm Washburn	Baptism
,,	28 Aug.	Joh'n washburn	Burial
1543.	6 July	Agnes d. of will. washburne	Baptism
1544.	16 Mar.	Joh'n s. of Willi. washburne	Baptism
,,	16 Mar.	Joh'n Washburne ano 1544	Burial
1546.	30 Mar.	Katheryne d. of will'm Washburn	Baptism
1547.	28 nov.	Esabell d. of will. washburn	Baptism
1550.	6 Apr.	Jone d. of will'm Washburne	Baptism
1551.	7 July	Elizabeth d. of Will'm washburne	Baptism

[1] See p. 81. [2] See p. 49.

1553.	25 mar.	Elinor d. of Will'm washburn	Baptism
,,	11 July	Elinor washburne	Burial
1554.	23 June	margaret d. of Will'm Washburne	Baptism
1556.	9 Jan.	Will'm s. of Will'm washburne	Baptism
1558.	[no date]	Anthony washburne	Burial
1562.	14 June	Joh'n s. of Will'm Washburne	Baptism
1564.	24 Jan.	Joh'n smyth & Agnes Washburne	Wedding
1567.	27 Oct.	Elinor d. of Will'm washburne	Baptism
1568	1 June	Elnor washburne	Burial
1571	3 July	Richard Pratte & Elsabeth washburne	Wedding
,,	29 Jan.	Georg Lea & Isabell Washburne	Wedding
1573	15 July	Henry Byrd & Jone washburne	Wedding
,,	10 nov.	Robert Bowcor & Katheryne Wash.	Wedding
1581	27 July	Will'm Washburne & ffrancis wagstaffe	Wedding
1582.	23 Sept.	Will'm s. of Will'm Washburne	Baptism
1584.	5 nov.	Margaret d. of Will'm Washburne	Baptism
,,	25 nov.	Walter townsend & Margaret wash.	Wedding
1586.	15 mar.	Thomas s. of Will'm Washborne	Baptism
1588.	12 mar.	Agnes d. of Will'm Washburne	Baptism
,,	21 Apr.	Will'm Washburne	Burial
1591.	19 Jan.	Joh'n s. of Will'm Washburne	Baptism
1594	7 Apr.	Mary d. of Will'm Washburne	Baptism
,,	18 mar.	Richard s. of Will'm Washburne	Baptism
1594.	17 June	Will'm Washburne & Agnes marres	Wedding
,,	17 Apr.	ffrancis washburne	Burial
,,	17 mar.	Mary Washburne	Burial
1596.	2 Jan.	Phillip sonne to Will'm Washburne	Baptism
,,	12 Sept.	Richard Washburne	Burial
,,	14 Mar.	Will'm Washburn	Burial
1599	20 Mar.	Mary d. of William & Anne Washborne	Baptism
1601	28 ffeb.	ffrauncis d. of Wyllyam Washburne	Baptism
1602.	17 feb.	Anne Washburne	Burial

From these entries, kindly supplied by the Rev. W. H. Shawcross, vicar, the following pedigree is deduced :—


William = (Margaret Harward, dau. of Thomas Harward, of Weston-sub-Edge.)
bur. 1588. (Will at Worcester.)
John, bapt. and bur. 1542.
1564
Agnes = John Smith bapt. 1543.
John, bapt. and bur. 1544.
1573
Katheryne = Robt. Bowcor bapt. 1546.
1571
Isabell = Geo. Lea bapt. 1547.
1573
Jone = Henry Byrd bapt. 1550.
1571
Elizabeth = Rich. Pratte bapt. 1551.
Elinor, bapt. and bur. 1553.
1584
Margaret = Walter Townsend bapt. 1554.
1581
Frances = Wagstaffe bur. April 17, 1594.
17 June, 1594
William = Agnes Marres.
bapt. 1556.
John, bapt. 1562.
Elinor, bapt. 1567, bur. 1568.
William, bapt. 1582, bur. 1596.
Margaret, bapt. 1584.
Thomas, bapt. 1586.
Agnes, bapt. 1588.
John, bapt. 1591.
Mary, bapt. Ap. 7, 1594, bur. Mar. 17, 1594-5.
Richard, bapt. Mar. 18, 1594, bur. 1596.
Philip, bapt. 1596.
Mary, bapt. 1599.
Frances, bapt. 1601.

The year 1594 was an eventful one for William the younger. In April his wife Frances gave birth to a sixth child and died. Two months later, in June, he married again, and in the following March the death of the baby left by his dying first wife coincided with the birth of the first child by his second wife.

In the entry of March 20th, 1599, the wife's name is given as Anne, so, too, under February 17th, 1602, if the record is, as seems probable, that of her death.

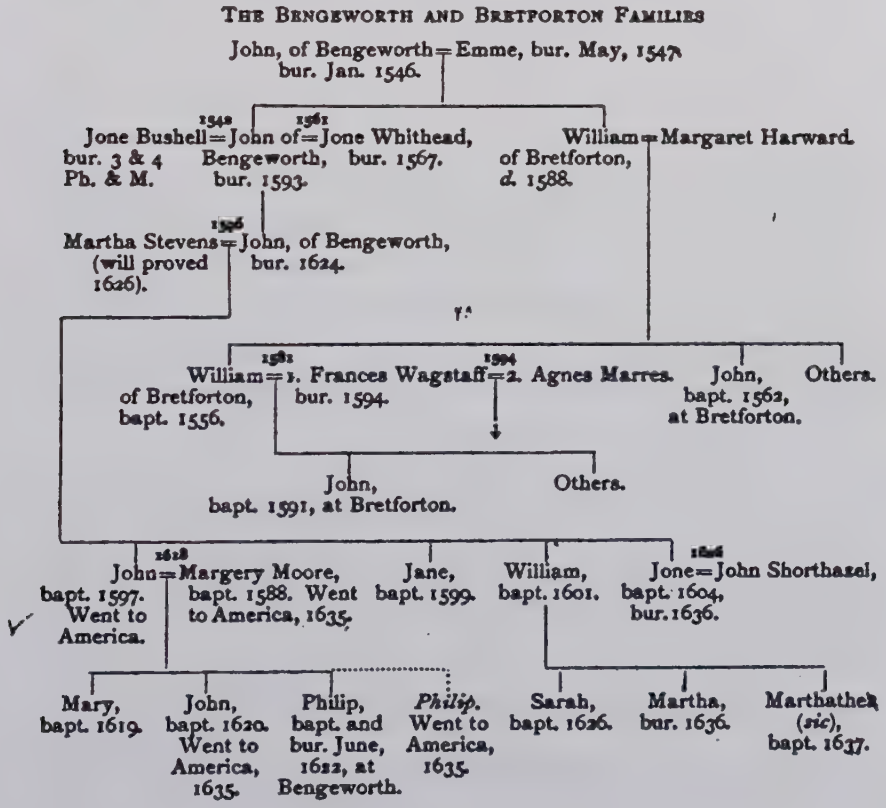
There are no entries of the family in the years following 1602; the two Johns, baptized in 1562 and 1591 respectively, are unaccounted for, and the family seems to have left Bretforton.[1]

The will of William, senior, the son of John and Emme, is at Worcester. It was made May 6th, 1587, and

[1] For particulars of Washbournes in the Evesham neighbourhood in later days see pp. 113, 114.

proved July 1st, 1588. In it the testator makes bequests to every one of his grandchildren and godchildren; there is a special bequest to his daughter, Margaret Townsend; one-third part of all his household goods, and his "cesterne" are left to his son William; and £20 to his son John. He leaves to his wife Margaret, whom he makes sole executrix, the residue of all his goods not bequeathed, movable and immovable, left over after the payment of his legacies and debts. He nominates as overseers of his will his brother John, of Bengeworth (who survived him five years), and John Smith, his son-in-law.

The following abbreviated pedigree of the two branches of the Bengeworth family will be useful as a summary of what has been stated above :—


THE BENGEWORTH AND BRETFORTON FAMILIES
John, of Bengeworth = Emme, bur. May, 1547
bur. Jan. 1546.
Jone Bushell = John of Bengeworth, bur. 1593. = Jone Whithead, bur. 1567.
1542
1561
bur. 3 & 4 Ph. & M.
William = Margaret Harward.
of Bretforton, d. 1588.
Martha Stevens = John, of Bengeworth, bur. 1624.
1596
(will proved 1626).
William = 1. Frances Wagstaff = 2. Agnes Marres.
1582
1594
of Bretforton, bapt. 1556.
bur. 1594.
John, bapt. 1562, at Bretforton.
Others.
John, bapt. 1591, at Bretforton.
Others.
John = Margery Moore, bapt. 1588. Went to America, 1635.
1628
bapt. 1597. Went to America.
Jane, bapt. 1599.
William, bapt. 1601.
Jone = John Shorthasel, bapt. 1604, bur. 1636.
1624
Mary, bapt. 1619.
John, bapt. 1620. Went to America, 1635.
Philip, bapt. and bur. June, 1622, at Bengeworth.
Philip. Went to America, 1635.
Sarah, bapt. 1626.
Martha, bur. 1636.
Marthathea (sic), bapt. 1637.

So ends this long digression of twenty-three pages about the descendants of John of Bengeworth, second son of John (8), of Wichenford, by his first wife, Joan Mitton, and we return to the main story, interrupted on p. 35, to deal with

THE FAMILY OF JOHN (8) BY HIS SECOND WIFE, ELIZABETH MONINGTON :—

1. Anthony, of Bosbury.

2. Richard.

1. ANTHONY, born before 1517, married Anne daughter of Thomas Leyland,[1] and lived at Temple Court in the parish of Bosbury, Herefordshire, which was in the hands of the Knights Hospitallers until 1544, when it was conveyed by Henry VIII. to Hugh Appare and his wife Eleanor for £339 15s. 7d. The deed of transfer (given in Bentley's *History and Description of the Parish of Bosbury*, pp. 36–38) speaks of "all that capital mansion or site of our mansion of Upleadon otherwise called Templecourte within the parish of Bosbury in our said county of Hereford with all its appurtenances now or late in the tenure or occupation of Anthony Wasshebourne and Anne his wife or their assigns."

His property in King's Pyon mentioned in his will doubtless came to him through his mother, whose family was connected with that place.

This Anthony, Anne Leyland's husband, lived till a good old age, dying in 1591, and will not, of course, be confused with his great-nephew, the husband of Anne Rede, Anthony (11), who died in 1570. In his will he expresses a desire to be buried at Bosbury, provided his death took place within that parish, but apparently he died at Gloucester; at any rate, he was buried there, as

[1] "For Leyland of Lancashire, see Chetham Soc., lxxxi. 131; xcviii. 88; xcii. 196." (Weaver's *Vis. of Heref.*).

the following entry in the St. Nicholas' register shows: 1591. "Item the 26 of June was Buryed Mr. Anthony Washborne whose bodie is buryed in the Colledge."—He left no male representative of his name, his two sons having died in his lifetime, viz. Thomas, buried at Bosbury, and William, whose will, proved in 1563, is given below. In his will he mentions three daughters :—

1. Elizabeth, married to David Jones, by whom she had two sons, Anthony and William, mentioned in the *Visitation of Worcestershire* 1569, and daughters, Eme, Frances, and others.

2. Perin; in 1591 she was the widow of one Crockford, but her remarriage at an early date was then probable in her father's opinion. In the *Visitations* of Worcester and Hereford (1569) she is entered as wife of Thomas Temple.

3. Milborough, married in 1568 at Bosbury to Richard Caple,[1] of How Capell, co. Hereford, by whom she had eight children: Richard, b. 1569; Anthony, b. 1574; Joyce, b. 1576; Alice, b. 1577; Edward, b. 1578; Roger, b. 1580; Mary, b. 1583; Anne, b. 1586. Her husband was buried at Ledbury 4 May, 1601.

The same three daughters are mentioned in the *Visitations*. Margerie Brugge and her three sisters, Sibyl, Dorothy, and Anne, were his stepdaughters, the former

[1] CAPELL

1568
Richard Capell of How Capell = Milborough Washborne.

Richard Capell, eldest son, b. 1569. = Eleanora, dau. of Thomas Clarke, of Hereford.

Thomas Capell, living 1640. = Sybill, dau. of Sir John Kyrle, bart.

Edward Capell.
Sold How Capell about 1677.

(Gathered from Weaver's *Visitation of Herefordshire*, 1569.)

being described as "one of the daughters of my wyfe decēsed." This agrees with the will of his son William, who applies the term "sister" to them in the sense doubtless of half-sister. From the fact that the son speaks of Edward Bridge as his brother and the father speaks of Margerie Brugge as his wife's daughter it would seem that her first husband's name was Bridge or Brugge.

WILL OF ANTHONY, OF BOSBURY (1591)

In the name of God Amen the seconde daie of Maie in the yeare of our Lord God one thowsande five hundred nintie one and in the three and thirtethe yeare of the raigne of our Soveraigne Ladie Elizabethe by the grace of god of Englande Fraunce and Irelande Queene defender of the faithe &c I Anthonie Washeburne of Bosbury in the countie of Heref genť beinge at this presente in healthe of bodie and of perfecte memorie thancks be given to god for yt doe make my last will and testament in manner and fourme followinge that ys to wytt First I doe bequeathe my sowle to Allmightie god And my bodie to be buried in the Chauncell of the parrishe churche of Bosburie aforesaide nere vnto the place where my mother my wyfe and Thomas my sonne be buried yf yt please god that I doe departe from this lyfe within the saide parrishe. Item I doe give towerdes the reparacions of the saide parrishe churche of Bosburie six shillinges eightpence Item I doe give twentie shillinges in monie vnto such twelve poore howshoulders havinge noe ploughes wĩhin the saide parrishe that is to witt to everie of them twentie pence as to the discretion of the executors of this my last will and testament shalbe thought good And as touchinge such monie as shalbe necessarie to be given to the poore people at my buriall and the residue of the charges of my funerall expences I doe cõmitt to the discretion of my executors Item I doe give to Eme one of the daughters of my sonne in lawe David Jones and of my daughter Elizabeth his wife deceased fowre poundes to be paide to her within one yeare next after my decease yf she be livinge at the ende of the saide yeare. And allso I doe give to Fraunces one of her sisters fyftie three shillinges fowre pence And to everie of the brothers and sisters of the saide Eme beinge sonnes and daughters of my saide sonne-in-lawe David Jones and of his saide wyfe fortie shillinges to be paide to everie or to as manie as

shalbe livinge at the ende of the yeare next after my decease Item I doe give to Margerie Brugge one of the daughters of my wyfe decẽsed fortie shillinges to be paide to her within one yeare next after my decease yf she be living at the ende of the saide yeare And yf yt happen that she be married at anie time after my decease then I doe give to her five poundes thirtene shillinges fowre pence more which with the foresaide fortie shillinges and which three poundes six shillinges eight pence herebefore by me paide to my cosen John Walden of Brockburie to her vse make vpp tenn poundes which I promised my saide wyfe to give to her the saide Margerie to the preferment of her marriage which saide five pounde thirtene shillinges and fowre pence I will shalbe paide at the daie of her marriage accordinge to my saide promise provided allwaies that yf the saide Margerie doe happen to marrie at anie time after my decease that then the saide fortie shillinges before by me to her given and allso the saide three poundes six shillinges eight pence before by me paide to my cosen John Wallwin to her vse shalbe p̃te and parcell of the saide tenn poundes And althoughe I have well and trulie contented and paide to everie of the systers of the saide Margerie longe before this time that is to wytt to Sibill Dorothie and Anne as muche or rather more then I promised my saide wyfe to give to them to theire severall marriages I doe nevertheles give and bequeathe to everie of them the saide Sibill Dorothie and Anne twentie shillinges to be paide to soe manie of them within one yeare next after my decease as shalbe living at the ende of the saide yeares And I doe allso forgive everie of them nowe husbandes of the saide Sibill Dorothie and Anne all such dettes as they or anie of them doe owe vnto me Item I doe give to William Doddington esquier my standinge cupp of silver and doble gilte and one old riall of goulde in token of remembraunce of his often curtesie shewed to me Item I doe allso give to my lovinge and good frende master Edward Cowper Master of the hospitall in Ledburie one other ould riall of goulde Item I doe give to Edmond Harwell of Handley gent̃ fortie shillings and I doe forgive him all such dettes whiche he owethe me Item I doe give to my daughter Perin Crockford Widow Tenn poundes in monie and the fetherbedd which she doth lie vppon when I am at Glouces̃ and all the furniture belonginge to the saide bedd the saide tenn poundes to be paide to her and the saide bedd with the saide furniture to be to her delivered within six weekes next after my decease yf she be then widowe Provided allwaies and my will

is that yf she be married in the meane time by my consent and advice that then she shall have my saide leagacie before to her given anie thinge before menčioned to the contrarie in anie wyse notwithstandinge. Item I doe give to Richard Caple the eldest sonne of my sonne-in-lawe Richard Caple and my daughter Milboroughe his wyfe three poundes six shillinges eight pence. Item I doe give to the saide Richard and to Anthonie Edward and Roger sonnes of my saide sonne in lawe Richarde Caple and of my saide daughter Milborowghe twentie poundes to be equallie distributed amonge them by the discretion of theire saide father and mother and at such time as to theire saide father and mother shalbe thought good Item I doe give and bequeathe to everie such of the daughters of my saide sonne in lawe Richarde Capell and of my saide daughter his wyfe that is to saie to Joyce Alice Marie and Anne towerdes the preferment of theire severall marriages as shall happen to be married by the advice and consente of theire saide father and mother or of the longer liver of them twentie pounde to be paide at the daies of theire severall marriages yf theie be vnmarried at the time of my decease. Item I doe give and bequeathe all the residue of my goodes and cattalles whatsoever they be my dettes leagacies and funerall expenses paide and discharged to my saide sonne in lawe Richard Capell and to my saide daughter Milborowge his wyfe whoe I doe make executor and executrix of this my last will & testament. And where I have before this time well and sufficientlie as I truste assured and conveyed by fine levied all my landes tennamentes and heraditamentes whatsoever yt be in the countie of Heref to my selfe for tearme of my lyfe And after my decease to my saide sonne in lawe Richard Capell and to my saide daughter Milboroughe his wyfe after the manner and forme hereafter menčioned in consideračion of the ioynture of the saide Milborowghe to her made by her saide husbande I doe nowe neverthelesse for the better assuraunce thereof give devise and bequeathe by this my last will and testament all my landes tennamentes rentes reversions services and hereditamentes whatsoever they be with theire appurtenaunces lyinge and beinge in Wotton within the parrishe of Kinges Pewne in the Countie of Heref and in the Suburbes of the Cittie of Heref or else-where within the saide countie of Heref with all and singuler theire appurtenñces after my decease to the saide Richarde Capell my sonne in lawe and to Milboroughe his wyfe and to the heires males of theire twoe bodies betweene them lawfullie begotten or to be begotten and

for lacke of such heires to the right heires of the saide Milboroughe for ever In witnes whereof I have written this my last will and testament with mine owne hande and with myne owne hande subscribed the same in the foresaide seconde daie of Maie And in the saide yeare of o^r^ Lorde god one thowsande five hundred nintie-one and in the three and thirtethe yeare of the raigne of our foresaide soveraigne Ladie the queene. By me ANTHONIE WASHEBOURNE—Thes beinge witnesses to this his last will and testament—CHRISTOPHER CAPLE—GEORGE HILL—RICHARD SILVESTER, His Marke—THOMAS GATLIE, His Marke.

Proved 5th July 1591.

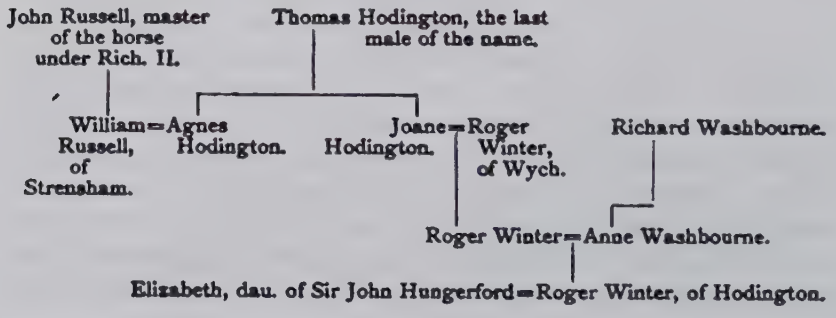
WILL OF WILLIAM SON OF ANTHONY (1563)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN in the yere of o^r^ Lorde God A thousande five hundreth threescore and three the xxiiij^th^ daye of June in the yere of Quene Elizabeth the fifte I WILLM WASHBORNE Gentleman being sick in boddie but of parfecte remembraunce laude and prayse therfore to almightie god make and ordaine this my laste will and testamente in manner and forme following First I bequeath my soule into thandes of almightie god my sauior and redemer by whose blessed passion I haue a full and parfect truste to be of his blessed number in heauen and my boddie to be buried in xpian buriall Where yt shall please my executors to appoint yt to lye Item I giue and bequeath vnto my father my chaine of golde weing tenne ounces iij quarters of crowne golde contayning twoe hundreth and thre and twentie lynks Item I giue and bequeath vnto my sister Milborowe xiij^li^ vj^s^ viij^d^ and my lease of Temple Coorte Item I giue and bequeath vnto my sister Perin in Hampshieire six poundes thirtene shillings and fower pence Item I giue and bequeath vnto my brother Edwarde Bridge five marks and to either of his ij sonnes now liuing tenn shillings a pece to be payed vnto them ymmediatly after my decease Item I giue and bequeath vnto my sister Grevill thre poundes six shillings and viij^d^ Item I give and bequeath vnto my sister Margery fower poundes Item I giue and bequeath vnto my sister Dorathe fiftie three shillings and fower pence Item I geue and bequethe vnto my syster Sibill liij^li^ iiij^d^ All which legaces giuen vnto my sisters Grovell Dorathe and Sibbell I will shalbe bestowed and payed amonges theire children towards theire marriages and bring vp within one yere after my decease Item I giue and bequeath vnto Edmond Horiwell thurtie shillings Item I giue and bequeath

to my sister Jones tenne poundes to be payed her oute of the value of my chayne giuen to my saide father Item I giue vnto my man James Bythell five poundes Item I giue and bequeath to Willm Stone five marks Item I giue vnto my mother my tablet of golde vppon condicon that she giue the same vnto my sister Milborw at the daye of her marriage Item I giue vnto Mr Buggen my best cloake vppon condicon that he take James my man and will well bring hym vp with hym Item I giue amongest the yonge men of my Lordes house fortie shillings amongest them to be deuided Item I giue to Campion Mr Androwes man my beste hose and my best dublet The residue of all my godds my debtes paide and my legaces and funeralls pformed I giue them vnto my father Anthony Washborne Whome I make my sole executor Item I giue vnto Mr Hanfelde five poundes and to his five poundes oute of the debte which he oweth me of xv^{li} oute of the debte which he oweth and of fifteene poundes Item I give to John Dane three shillings and fowre pence And to thother twoe maides either of them ij^{s} vj^{d} a pece Item to John Mygan a satten dublet and to his wief a ring with a dyamonde Item I giue to the keper iij^{s} iiij^{d} above her wages These being witnesses Rafe Whytlein pson of Holborne John Wygan John Walwyn Edwarde Bridges gentleman James Bethell Thomas Sanky Willm Thomas Stone and others Teste me JOHANNE WIGAN—Teste me RADULPHO WHITLEIN clico JOHN WALWYN.

Proved 30th July 1563.

2. RICHARD, second son of John (8), by Elizabeth Monington, was a mere boy in 1517 when his father died. No particulars are forthcoming about him, but it is quite clear that he was not the Richard Washbourne whose daughter Anne married Roger Winter as shown below :—


John Russell, master of the horse under Rich. II.
Thomas Hodington, the last male of the name.
William Russell, of Strensham.
Agnes Hodington.
Joane Hodington.
Roger Winter, of Wych.
Richard Washbourne.
Roger Winter
Anne Washbourne.
Elizabeth, dau. of Sir John Hungerford
Roger Winter, of Hodington.

Grazebrook (under Winter, of Huddington) says: "Habingdon informs us that this family settled at Droitwich in the reign of Edward II., and continued there until the marriage of Roger Winter with the co-heiress of Hodington and Cassey in the reign of Henry VI.," Habingdon's statement appearing thus under Hodington: "You may reade in the Exchecker in the booke of Knighte's fees, 7 Hen. 6. of the Coheyres of Hodington without further mention, about which tyme by all lykelihoode Jone Hodington and Agnes Hodington . . . weare maryed to Roger Wintor and Robert Russell of Strengsham." It is evident that Roger Winter, son of the Joan Hodington married about 7 Hen. VI., i.e. 1429, cannot have had for his father-in-law that Richard Washbourne who was a young boy in 1517! but who the Richard, father of Anne Washbourne, was cannot be solved, especially in face of the fact that the name Richard does not occur in the Washbourne pedigrees at so early a date.

ROBERT (9)

Eldest son of John (8), died before his father (i.e. before May, 1517), leaving two sons, John (10), who was seventeen years of age at his grandfather's death and therefore would be born about 1500, and Norman, of whom no particulars are forthcoming. Robert's marriage, therefore, cannot be placed later than 1499; his wife was Eleanor, daughter and heir of Walter Staples, of Doddenham, "a man of fayre possessyons in Dodenham," who left to their issues lands there, "a good augmentation to the family after the diminution susteyned by a mache with Salewey," that is, the loss of Stanford (Habingdon).

JOHN (10),

aged seventeen in 1517, married Margaret, daughter of William Tracy,[1] of Toddington, a village close to and on the east of Little Washbourne, and had by her five children :—

1. Anthony (11), his heir.

2. William, not traced. Under his father's will he had a legacy of live stock, and from his brother a gelding.

3. Anne, married to William Freeman.

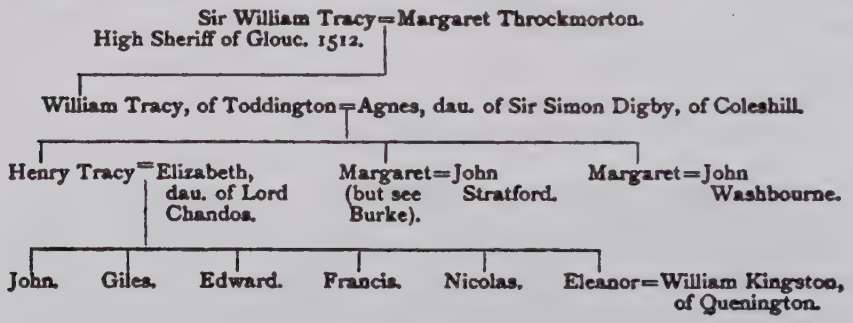
4. Katharine, married to John Clopton.[2]

5. Eleanor, mentioned in her father's will, but not in the *Visitations*.

He died and was buried at Wichenford, where there is

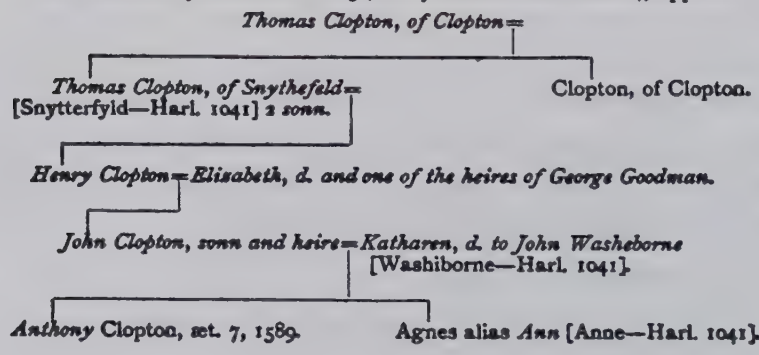
[1] TRACY.

The following is taken from Rudder, who gives a long account of this family of old standing in Gloucestershire, and from Burke; but it should be compared with the pedigree in the *Visitation of Gloucester*, 1623 :—



[2] CLOPTON

See *Visitation of Gloucester*, 1623 (ed. by Maclean and Heane), app. ii.


Thomas Clopton, of Clopton=
Thomas Clopton, of Snythefeld= [Snytterfyld—Harl. 1041] 2 *sonn.*
Clopton, of Clopton.
Henry Clopton=*Elizabeth, d. and one of the heires of George Goodman.*
John Clopton, sonn and heire=*Katharen, d. to John Washeborne* [Washiborne—Harl. 1041].
Anthony Clopton, æt. 7, 1589.
Agnes alias *Ann* [Anne—Harl. 1041].

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no trace of any tomb to him, between April 11th, 1532, the date of his will, and 27 Henry VIII., when an inquisition respecting him was taken, which, however, is now so faded as to be illegible. He was thus, like his father, quite young at the time of his death, not more than thirty-five, his elder son Anthony being then not more than seven. The Visitation of 1533 took place about the time of John's death, and the fact that the head of the family was then a mere child may be the explanation of no entry of the family being recorded at it.

WILL OF JOHN (10). 1532

In dei nõie amen undecimo die mensis Aplis anno dm̃ Millĩmo quingentesimo tricesimo secundo I John Wesshbo^{r}n of Wichenford Esquier hole in mynde and good remembrance neũthelesse feble in body make my testament and last wille in the man^{r} & forme folowyng ffirst I comende my sowle to God father almyghte to oure blessed lady the vgyn and to all the holy company of hevyn and my body to be buryed before the ymage of saint Michaell tharchaungle in the Chauncell of Wichenford churche and I bequeth to the vicary there vj^{s} viij^{d} and to the highe alter there xij^{d} and I give to the mother churche of o^{r} lady in Worcest^{r} iiij^{d} Also I bequeth to the churche werks of Martley is churche iij^{s} iiij^{d} Also I give and bequeth to Margret my wife my maner of Wichenford w^{t} all the apptenñces belongyng unto it and also the man^{r} of Smyte w^{t} all the apptenñces belongyng to it to have and to holde the afforesaide maners w^{t} all their apptennc̃s to the saide Margret my wife duryng her naturall life of the lords of the fee by s̃vice therof due and right custom in the name of her joynto^{r} and dowry Also I wolle that William Gower Esquier have all my lands in reṽsion lying in ov^{r} Slought^{r} and nether Slought^{r} after the decesse of Walter Wesshbo^{r}n for his naturall lyfe whiche lands the said William p^{r}chesed of me paying therfore to me l^{li} and the yerely rent therof is l^{s} I wolle that he have thies foresaid lands or ells his money ageyne Also I ordeyne and make Reynold Digby Esquier William Gower and Margret my wife my true and lawfull exequito^{r}s to exequute 2 fulfill this my last wille And also to have the rule 2 order of all other my lands beyng in my hands 2 possession at the makyng of this my testamẽt to the valure of viij^{li} iij^{s} iiij^{d} by yere ou^{r} and

above all charg̃s and also xxij^{d} in Knyghts Wesshbo^{r}n and these sum̃es of viij^{li} iij^{s} iiij^{d} 2 xxij^{d} to be receved to the use 2 bringyng up of my children unto the tyme that my eldest son and heire come to lawfull age and descende to myne heires by inheritaunce to be under the rule of myne exequito^{r}s for the use 2 pfit of my children to be sett forth ev^{r}y dought^{r} to have xl^{li} if it wolle to so moche amounte also I give and bequeth to William Wesshb̃n my son my viij oxen w^{t} all that belongeth to the teme, or ells xij^{li} of lawfull money And I give to the same William viij kyne or ells iiij^{li} of money and v other yonge beests Also I give to Margret my wife my best bed w^{t} all that belongith therto and my secunde bed w^{t} th^{r}apptenaunce I give to Kat^{r}ine my dought^{r} and to Eleno^{r} my dought^{r} my bed in the p^{r}lur w^{t} all th^{r}apptenaunce and hangyngs there. And to Anne my dought^{r} the bed in the inner chamb^{r} and the hangyngs there Also I give to John Baylies a cowe 2 a blak cote Also I give to Nicholas my s^{r}vant a cowe All the residue of my moveable goods not given nor bequethed aft^{r} my detts payde and my fun^{r}all expensis discharged I give them to Margret my wife Witnesses M^{r}. Walte Baker p̃son of Martley Edward Chapell and Thomas Ionys w^{t} others.

The reference to St. Michael bears out what has been said above (pp. 31, 32) about the dedication of Wichenford Church.

From this will, and the inquisition taken 3 October 13 Elizabeth, after the death of his eldest son,

ANTHONY (11),

it appears that John left Wichenford to his widow Margaret for her life, and that in course of time thus enriched she married John Kettleby,[1] of Cotheridge, who

[1] KETTLEBY

John Kettleby = Margerett, d. and heire of Richard Cely.

John Kettleby = Margerett, d. of ... Tracey = John Washborne 1 husband.

Francis Kettleby = Sibill, d. and heire of John Weaver, of Burton.

(From *Visitation of Gloucester*, 1623, miscellaneous ped., p. 261.)

(See also *Visitation of Salop*, 1623.)

Edward Harris, of Prickley, co. Worcester, married Margaret, daughter of John Kettleby, of Cotheridge (*Visitation of Gloucestershire*). In much later times the

enjoyed possession of it along with her to the exclusion of her son Anthony who died in her lifetime. An arrangement appears to have been made, however, for Anthony to live at Wichenford, and there he was buried on the north side of the chancel. The inquisition and his will prove that Anthony was well endowed. He had the old family lands in Bredon; lands in Martley, Doddenham, and Knightwick, which probably came to him through his grandfather's marriage with Eleanor Staples; and the Eastham property, which his great-grandfather, John (8), held and which probably came in with Isolde Hanley two centuries before. But though richly blest he probably resented Wichenford going to his mother and his step-father, just as, generations before, his ancestor Norman keenly felt the loss of Stanford although he was in possession of Wichenford and Knight's Washbourne. But there was this difference between the cases: Norman's was a permanent loss, whereas Wichenford reverted to Anthony's heir in due course.

Anthony married before he was twenty-one, and his eldest son was born 1548; therefore his own birth took place in or about 1527 and his marriage about 1547. His wife was Anne, daughter of Richard Rede,[1] of Bodding-

Kettlebys were connected with Wichenford, for the Holt register records the burial, on June 11th, 1735, of "Mr. Samuell Kettelsbey (late of Witchenford Gent) from Ludlow in ye county of Salop."

[1] Rede or Reed

Grazebrook says that the family of Rede was one of considerable note in the counties of Gloucester, Hereford, and Worcester, "deriving its descent from William Rede (some call him Richard Rede), of Gloucestershire, who acquired a large estate in marriage with Margaret, daughter and co-heiress of Richard Lord Beauchamp, of Powick."

Rudder (pp. 300, 301) says that the Beauchamps were proprietors of the manor of Boddington, "for Richard Lord Beauchamp died seized of Bodington 18 Hen. VII. and left three daughters his heiresses: Elizabeth married to Robert Willoughby, Lord Brook, . . . Anne, the second daughter and heiress . . . was married to Richard Liggon: Margaret, the third and youngest daughter, was married to ... Reed, who left their third part to Richard Reed, their son and heir 4 Hen. VIII., whose son, John Reed, had livery of the scite of the manor 9 Eliz."

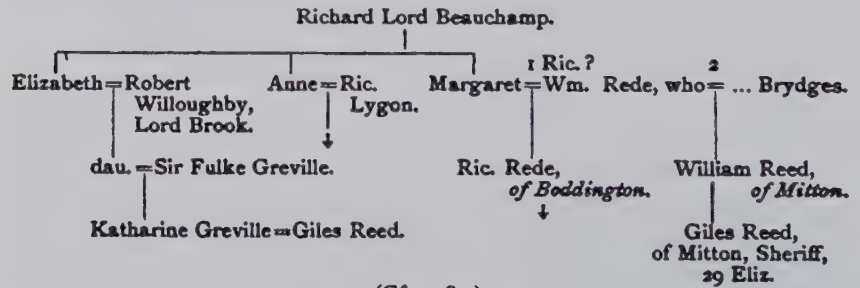
The Reeds, of Mitton, in Bredon, were apparently descended from the same

ton, a village between Tewkesbury and Cheltenham, by whom he had eight sons. He died November 6th, 1570, his wife surviving him, so too his mother, Margaret Kettleby, then living at Cotheridge. Like his father and grandfather he passed away early, being about forty-three. Nash says that some lands in St. John's, Worcester, a parish which adjoins Wichenford, were 1 Hen. VIII. the inheritance of Richard Reade, a fact which may have brought to pass the meeting of Anthony with his Gloucestershire bride. He also states (ii. 222) that Anne Washbourne was godmother to Anne Sandys, a daughter (born 1570) of Edwin Sandys, Bishop of Worcester, and afterwards Archbishop of York. The godmother in question was apparently Anthony's wife, and not his sister who doubtless before that time had by marriage taken the name of Freeman.

The following is, in the main, a copy of the inquisition taken on Anthony's death (ser. ii, vol. 159, No. 75):—

Inq. capta apud castrũ Wigorn tertio die Octobris anno regni dñe nr̃e Elizabeth decimo tertio coram Thoma Russell milite John ffolyat armig̃o Waltero Blunte armig̃o et Willm̃o Childe Commissionarijs ad inquirend' post mortem Anthonij Washeburne armig̃i p sacrm̃ ffrancisci Bucke, gent, Hugonis —, Johnis Staunton, Johñis James, Thome Wall de Wittley, Thome Sea-

William (or Richard) Rede and his second wife . . . Brydges. Their grandson, Giles Reed, married Katharine Greville, daughter of Sir Fulke Greville by a daughter o Robert Willoughby, Lord Brooke, whose wife was the eldest daughter of Richard Lord Beauchamp. Thus both families of Redes, that of Boddington, co. Gloucester, and that of Mitton, co. Worcester, had Beauchamp blood.


Richard Lord Beauchamp.
Elizabeth = Robert Willoughby, Lord Brook.
Anne = Ric. Lygon.
1 Ric.?
Margaret = Wm. Rede,
2 who = ... Brydges.
dau. = Sir Fulke Greville.
Ric. Rede, of Boddington.
William Reed, of Mitton.
Katharine Greville = Giles Reed.
Giles Reed, of Mitton, Sheriff, 29 Eliz.

(Cf. p. 87.)

verne, Edi Alderne, Willm̃i Lewes, Willi Alderne, Johñis Spillesburye Willmi Barker, Thome Goyde, et ffrancisci Russell — Qui dicunt q^d quidam Johẽs Washeburne nup de Wychenford in com̃. Wigorn p̃d ar. defunct^o pater p̃dci Anthonij Washeburne fuit seisitus de et in mañio de Wichenford et Smite in dm̃co suo ut de feodo. Et sic inde sẽit undecimo die mensis Aprilis anno dm̃i millm̃o quingentesimo tricesimo secundo condidit testm̃ sũm sive ultimã voluntatem suã in scriptis et p dc̃a testã dedit et legavit mañia p̃dc̃a cũ eor^o ptineñ cuidam Margarete adtunc uxi sue hẽnd et tenend^o pfate Margarete duranta vita sua naturali nõie Juncture et dotis sue. Et postea pdcus Johes Washeburn hẽns exitũ p̃d Anthonium Wassheburn apud Wichenford obiit inde seisit^o, post cuius mortem pdict Margaret nup uxor in pdict maneria cũ ptinenc̃ intravit et fuit inde seisita. Et sic inde existen^o eadem Margareta cepit in virum quendam Johẽm Kettilbe de Cotheridge in com̃ p̃dco armigũ p quod iidem Johes Kettilbye et Margareta fuerunt de pdcis maneriis seisit^o (ut in iure eiusdem Margarete) with remainder to Anthony.—Idem Anthonius Wassheburne postea apud Wichenford p̃d de ũli statu suo obiit inde seisit^o et p̃dc̃a Margareta ipm̃ Anthoniũ supvixit et adhuc supstes et iam in plena vita existit apud Cotheridge pdict.—Ac etiam Jurator^o dicunt q^d pdc̃us Anthonius Wassheburn fuit seĩt de et in manijs de Knyghts Wassheburne et Westmoncote ac de et in vigint messuagiis quatuor millibus acr^o terr^o duobs̃ millibs acr. prati tribus millibs acr^o pastur^o quadragint acr^o bosci quinquagint acr^o iampnor^o et bruer^o et viginti et octo solidat undecim denerat^o et uno obbilat^o redd cu^o ptin^o in Knyghts Washeburne Westmoncote Marteley et Knightwicke in com Wigorn—

Et p̃dict Anthonius inde seisit^o existens pdcus Johẽs Kettylbye ad instanc̃ et requisicoẽm p̃dci Anthonij Wassheburne et p pdõ Anthonio adtunc infra etatem xxi annor^o existen^o ac in consideracone marriag̃ solemnizat^o inter pdcm Anthonium Wasseburne et quenda^o Annam Rede sororem cuiusdem Willmi Rede nup de Boddyngton in com̃ Glouc. defunct. p. script. su^o indentat^o. . . . (The deed sets forth that Anthony will within eight months next after marriage be twenty-one years old, when he promises to make a settlement, which he afterwards did as by the fine appears.)

Et postea pdc̃us Anthonius Wassheburne apud Wychenford obiit—et pdc̃a Anna ipm̃ supervixit et adhuc spstes est et iam in plena vita existit apud Wychenford.—

Et dicunt q^d p^d Anthonius Washeburne fuit seīt de mañio de Dodenham in Dodenham Esthm̃ Mosely Bredon et Norton subter Bredon et apud Wichenford obiit inde seisit^o.—Obiit sexto die mensis Novembris anno dm̃ Regine nūc duodecimo—

Et etiam dicunt q^d quidam Johēs Wassheburne [the bottom of the document has perished] Anthonij Washeburne et fuit etatis tempore mortis pdci Anthonij xxii annor^o et amplius.

WILL OF ANTHONY (11) (1570)

In the name of God Amen the xiiijth daye of August In ye yere of o^r Lord god 1570 & in the xijth yere of the raigne of o^r soueraigne ladie Elizabeth by the grace of god of England Fraunce and Ireland qwene defendor of the faith &c. I, Anthonie Washeburne of Wichinford in the countie of Worcestor esquier being at this present sicke in bodie but perfecte of memorie thanks be geven vnto God for it doe make and ordeine this my last will and testament in maner and forme followinge that is to wytt First I doe bequeath my soule vnto all mightie god and my bodie to the earthe in the ꝑishe churche of Wychinford aforesaied where it shall please the executoure and overseers of this my will & testament if I do die within the saied parrishe Item I doe geue thre pownds in money to be bestowed by the discrecōn of ye executor & overseers of this my will vpon twentie poore householders where be manie yonge children & little to finde them Item I will that other thre pounds at the least be distributed and geven by ye discrecōn of my saied executour and overseers to the poore people that doe come to my buriall And as conc̄ning the residue of my funerall charges and expences I doe comytt the same to the discrecōn of my saied Executour and overseers Item I doe giue to euerie of my sonnes Willm Washeburne Robt Edmond Thomas Richard Norman and Walter Washeburne a certaine anñitie or yerlie rent goinge owte of all my lands tenementes and hereditaments in the counties of Worcetr and Gloucetr, Except my lands tenements and hereditaments in Marcley Moseley Norton nerevnto Bredon Esthm̃ & Knightwicke after the maner and forme followinge that is to witt First I doe geue to the saied Willm Washburne my sonne a certaine añuitie or yerlie rent of thre pounds sixe shillings eighte pence going oute of all my saied lands tents and hereditaments Except before excepted To haue and to holde ꝑceve & enioye the saied anuitie or yerlie rent of thre pounds six shillings eighte pence vnto the saied

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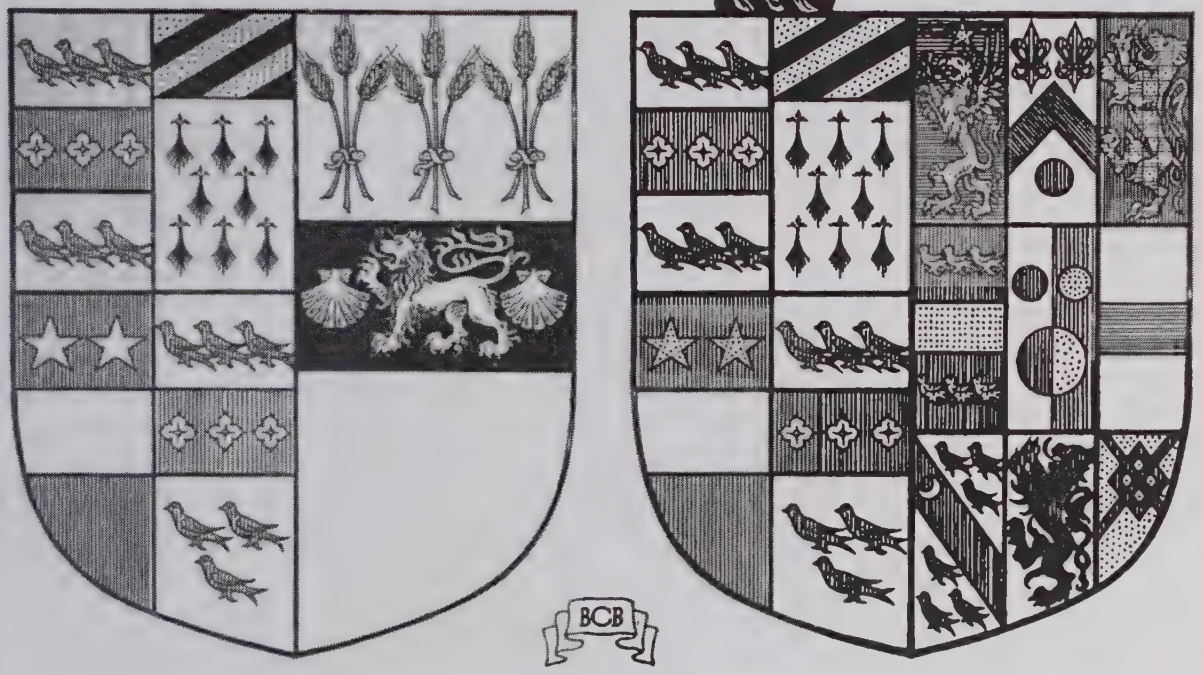

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Willm and his assignes yerlie duringe the terme of his naturall life At the feasts of th'anunciacõn of o^{r} ladie and saint Michaell th'archangell by even porcõns The first payment thereof to begine and take effecte at wchsoeuer of the saied feasts that shall first happen to fall and come next after ye naturall decease of me the saied Anthonie Washburne Item I doe giue to the saied Robert Washeburne my sone a certeine anuytie or yerlie rent of xlvj^{s} viij^{d} going oute of all my lands tenements and hereditaments Except before excepted To haue ꝑceve and enioye the saied anuitie or yerlie rent of xlvj^{s} viij^{d} vnto the saied Robert and his assignes yerlie duringe the terme of his naturall life at the feasts aforesaied by even porcõns And the first payment thereof to begine and take effecte after the mañer & forme aforesaide Item I doe giue to Edmond my sone a certein anuytie or yerlie rent of xlvj^{s} viij^{d} goinge oute of all my saied lands tenements and hereditaments except before excepted To haue ꝑceve and enioye the saied anuitie or yerlie rent of xlvj^{s} viij^{d} vnto the saied Edmond and his assignes duringe the terme of his naturall life at the feasts aforesaied by even porcõns. And the first payment thereof to begine after the mañer and forme before menc̃oned Item I doe geue to the saied Thoms my sone a certeine anuytie or yerlie rent of xl^{s} going oute of all my lands tenements and hereditaments aforesaied except before excepted To haue ꝑceve and enioye the saied anuytie or yerlie rent of xl^{s} to ye saied Thomas and his assignes duringe the terme of his naturall life at the feastes aforesaide by even porcõns And the first payment thereof to begine and take effecte after the mañer and forme before menc̃oned Item I doe geue to the saied Richard Washeburne my sone a certeine anuitie or yerlie rent of xl^{s} goinge oute of all my saied lands tenements and hereditaments except before excepted To haue ꝑceve and enioye the saied anuytie or yerlie rent of xl^{s} to the saied Richard and his assignes duringe the terme of his naturall life at the feasts aforesaied by even porcõns And the first payment therof to begine after the mañer and forme before menc̃oned Item I doe geue to the saied Norman Washeburne my sone a certaine anuytie or yerlie rent of xl^{s} going owte of all my saied lands tenements and hereditaments except before excepted To haue holde ꝑceve and enioye the saied anuytie or yerlie rent of xl^{s} vnto the saied Norman and his assignes duringe the terme of his naturall life at the feasts aforesaied by even porcõns the first payment thereof to begine after the mañer and forme before menc̃oned and ex-

pressed Item I doe giue to the saied Walter Washeburne my sone a certaine anuitie or yerlie rent of liij^{s} iiij^{d} going oute of all my saied lands tenements and hereditaments except before excepted To have ꝑceve and enioye the saied anuytie or yerlie rent of liij^{s} iiij^{d} to the saied Walter and his assignes at the feasts aforesaied by even porc̃ons And the first paymẽt thereof to begine and take his effecte after the mañer and forme before menc̃oned and expressed Item I doe giue & bequeth to John Baylies my servunte a certaine anuytie or yerlie rent of tenne shillings goinge oute of all my saied lands tenements and hereditaments except before excepted To haue ꝑceve and enioye ye saied anuytie or yerlie rent of tenne shillings to the saied John Baylies and his assignes duringe the terme of his naturall life payeable at the feasts aforesaied And the first payment thereof to begine after the mañer and forme before menc̃oned and expressed And if it happen anie of my severall anuyties or yerlie rents before menc̃oned to be behind and vnpaide in p̃te or in all by the space of one moneth next after anye of the sayed feasts at which it oughte to be paied and yt being laufullie demaunded That then and from thenceforth it shalbe lawfull for euerie of my foresaied sonnes Willm Robert Edmonde Thoms Richard Norman and Walter and to the assignes of euerye of̃ them And also to the saied John Baylies and his assignes into all my saied lands tenements and heredytaments except before excepted and into all and euerie parte and parcell therof to enter and distrein and the distres or distresses so taken to leade drive carrie awaie and retaine vntill the saied yerlie rents or anuities or anie of them so beinge behinde vnpaied and the arrerages thereof (if anie be) shalbe vnto him or them so being vnpaied well and trulie contented and paied according to the entent & true meaninge of this my will And forasmuche as I will and by theise presents do ordeine that my wyffe shall haue the goũerment and bringing vp of thre of the yongest of my saied sones that is to wytt of Richard Norman and Walter vntill euerie of them doe come to their age of xvj yeres (if she doe so longe live) I will that she shall yerlie after my decease receive levye and take the saied anuityes or yerlie rents so geven to my saied thre yongest sonnes as before And all the rents of all and singuler my saied lands tenements and hereditaments in Marcley Moseley Norton nere bredon Estham and Knightwicke to th'entent that my saied wyffe shall emploie and bestowe the some for the bringinge vp and mainteñnce of my saied thre yongest sones at schole and for the

findinge of them meat drynke apparrell and all other things nedefull for them vntill they doe come to their severall ages of xvj yeares if they doe so longe live. And when so euer they or anie of them doe come to the age of xvj yeres or doe happen in the meane tyme to die Then I will that as muche of the saied yerlie rents of the said lands tenements and hereditaments in Martley Moseley Norton Estham and Knightwicke as did amownte and come to his parte or porc̃on so being of the age of xvj yeres or so dyeing before the same age being rated accordinglie shall cease and be no longer receyved Prouided allwaies and my will is that if my saied wyffe do happen to die before the yongest of my saied thre sones doe come to the age of xvj yeres Then I will that the overseers of this my wyll or anie twoe of them shall haue the gouerment and bringinge vp of my saied thre yongest sonnes and shall receive their saied anuities or yerlie rents And the rents of all my saied lands tenements and hereditaments in Marcley Moseley Norton Estham & Knightwicke to the vse and entent of the bringinge vp of my saied thre yongest sones after the maner and forme aforesaied. And if it shall happen that my saied wyffe do marye before anie of my saied thre yongest sonnes doe come to the age of xvj yeres then I wyll that it shalbe at the elecc̃on of my saied overseers of this my will or anie twoe of them accordinge as they shall so cawse whether my saied wiffe and he who then shalbe her husband shall haue the bringinge vp of my saied thre yongest sonnes after the maner and forme aforesaied or not or that they them selves will haue the bringinge vp of thē and to receive their saied anuyties or yerlie rents and the rents aforesaied to the vse and entent and for the tyme before menc̃oned and expressed anie thinge before menc̃oned to the contrarie in anie wise notwithstandinge Item I doe giue to John Washeburne my sone and heire thre hundred pounds in redy money to th'entent and vpon condic̃on that he with the advice of the overseers of this my will or anie twoe of them shall wthin vj yeres next after my decease purchase as muche lands as maye be purchased wth so muche money to him and to the heires of his bodie laufullie begotten. And for defaulte of suche heires to my sone Willm Washeborne and to the heires of his bodie laufullie begotten. And for lacke of such heires to the vse of my sone Robert Washeborne and t'heires of his bodie laufullie begotten And for lacke of suche heires to the vse of my sone Edmond and of the heires of his bodie laufullie

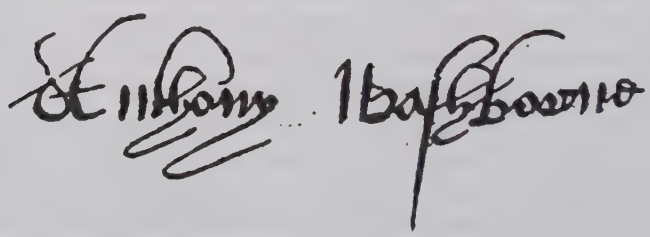
begotten And for lacke of suche heires to the vse of my sone Thoms Washeborne and t'heires of his bodie laufullie begotten. And for lacke of suche heires to the vse of Richard Washeborne my sonne and the heires of his bodie laufullie begotten And for lacke of suche heires to Norman my sonne and to the heires of his bodie laufullie begotten And for lacke of suche heires to the vse of Walter my sone and to the heirs of his bodie laufullie begotten And for lacke of suche heires to the vse of the righte heires of my saied sone John Washeborne for euer. Prouyded allwaies and my will is that the saied thre hundred pounds shall not be in the custodie or kepinge of my saied sone John Washborne but that the overseers of this my will or one of them shall receive and take the same at the tyme of my decease and after as the same maye be levied and received and shall put it in safe kepinge in some corporac̃on in a chest or coffer there vnder fouer lockes and fouer keyes to be boughte at ye charges of my executors and the keyes to be in the custodie of my saied ouerseers and of the saied corporac̃on vntill the saied lands be purchased after the maner aforesaied wthin the saied vj yeres. And if the saied lands be not purchased w̃hin the saied vj yeres Then I will that for the confidence that I haue in my saied sone John that he will purchase the saied lands That he shall receive the sayed three hundred pounds at enie tyme after the saied vj yeres ended when he will And I will that the somes of money owinge me at the tyme of my decease and annexed in a scedule to this my will and testament be parcell of the saied CCC£i and if the same w̃h the redie money in my house at the tyme of my deceasse will not suffice to make vp the saied some of CCC£i Then I will that the residue shalbe levied of my cattell and corne being not by this my will speciallie and ꝑticlerlie geven and bequeathed if I do not alter this my will therin by mowthe or otherwise before the tyme of my decease. Item I doe geue to my brother Wiłłm Washeburne my second best geldinge. Item I doe giue to my foresaied sone Wiłłm Washeborne my graye trottinge geldinge. Item I do giue to Thomas Hillier one cowe Item I will that Alis Bevis my servunte shall haue meate drincke and apparell at the costs and charges of my sone and heire at my house at Wychinford duringe her life in consideraẽon that she shall doe him suche service as she cane duringe the saied terme of hir life. Item I doe giue to euerie of my servunts their whole yeres wages to be made vp w̃h that which they haue alredie receiued and is owinge to them. Item I doe giue to John Wain-

wright of Dodnam all suche leasowes and pastures as he doth nowe holde of my demyse in Dodnam aforesaied for terme of his life payeng therfore yerlie to my heires & their assignes xiijs iiijd of laufull money of england at the feasts of the nativitie of o^{r} Lord God and the nativitie of St John Baptist by even porc̃ons. Item I doe geue to Anne my wyffe twentie pownds in redie money to be paied vnto her by my executour. And also I doe geue vnto her tenne of my kyne and a bull and my baye geldinge that came forthe of the northe and my yonge trottinge mare and also I giue vnto my saied wyffe halfe of all my naperie and lynnen twoe fetherbeds & one flocke bed wc̃h be in my chambers beneath the hall wt̃hall the furniture to them and euerie of them belonginge and all my pewter & vessell except one garnishe and all suche of my potts and pannes and other kytchen stuffe except thre of my best potts and twoe of my best pannes my best broche & racke of yron as shalbe thoughte good by the overseers of this my will or by anie twoe of them And I will they my saied ouerseers or anie twoe of them shall devide the kyne and naperie aforesaied wc̃h are to be deuided betwene my saied wyfe and my saied sone John and that they my saied ou'seers or anie twoe of them shall take order wt̃h my executor that my saied wyffe shall haue my foresaied legacie to her geven accordinge to the true meaninge of this my will trustinge that she will se my children and hers well bredde vp and speciallie my thre yongest children and as tyme & occasion shall serve to be discretlie set forthe to gett their livinge. All the residue of my goods & chattells whatsoeuer they be not before bequeathed nor apointed to make vp the saied some of CCC£i & other my legacies before menc̃oned (my debts legacies and funerall expenses paied and discharged I doe giue and bequeath vnto John Washeborne my sone and heire whoe I doe make the onlie executoure of this my last will and testament And also I doe make and ordeine my welbeloued cozen John Foliett esquier And my vncle Anthonie Washeborne and my brother Frawnce Kettlesbie gen^{t} the over seers of this my last will and testament and to everie of them I doe giue for their paines therin to be taken fortie shillings over and beside their ordenarie and other reasonable charge costs & expences to be by them or anie of them susteined or borne concerninge the accomplishement & execuc̃on of this my last will and testament or in or aboute the same In witnes whereof to this my p̃nte last will and testament I haue putto my seale the daie and yere first aboue written—ANTHONIE WASHBURNE—Debte owinge me the saied

Anthonie Washeburne First of Richard Harris C£i Item of John Gyles and Willm Becham lvj£i Item of th'executours of my cozen John Rede deceassed xxx£i Item of Mr George Blunt x£i. Item of Willm Mylman xl^{s}. Itẽ of Willm Birche my man iiij£i lackinge xiiij^{d}. The rest of the debts and rent wch he oweth me I doe forgeue him. Item of France James xlvj^{s}. viij^{d} besides his rent yet behind and vnpaied to me whereof I doe geue his wyffe for her paines taken with me in my sicknes xx^{s}. Item John Giles of Wicley oweth me x£i. A note of the redie money in my house Item in the little cofer wth yron in the cuberd in the chamber over the kitchen Six score pounds in twoe bagges Item in a bagge in the cuberd in the parloure ix£i iij^{s} iiij^{d}. Item remayninge in my house this yeres wolle and the last yeres wch I doe esteme to be of the value of xiij£i vj^{s} viij^{d}. Item xl shepe apointed to be solde valued at x£i Item in my pastures at Dodnam to be solde xvij oxen wch I doe value to be worthe one wth another wth the least at thre powndes.

Proved 10th November 1571.

Signature of Anthony in deed of 6 Ed. VI. leasing a small property in Wichenford for seventy years to Robert Clarke :—



THE FAMILY OF ANTHONY (11)

The ages of the eight sons of Anthony are given thus in the *Visitation of Worcestershire* 1569 :—

John sonne and heire is 21 yeres old.
Willm 2 sonne is 18 yeres old.
Robert 3 sonne is 16 yeres old.
Edmond 4 sonne is 15 yeres old.
Thomas 5 sonne is 12 yeres old.
Rychard 6 sonne is 11 yeres old.
Norman 7 sonne is 10 yeres old.
Walter 8 sonne is 2 yeres old.

Of these, particulars can here be given of only three, John, Robert, and Norman, of whom, for convenience sake, John will be dealt with last. It will be manifest to the reader how serious from a genealogical point of view is the loss of the Wichenford register from 1539 till 1690, which doubtless contained many entries of the family, and how numerous may be the Washbournes descended from these eight sons.[1]

NORMAN, seventh son of Anthony, born in our about 1559, was apparently the Norman named in the marriage licence granted in the London diocese September 6th, 1598—"Norman Washeborne of St. Bennet, Paul's Wharf, London, Mercer, and Margaret Midnall (? Mildenhall) of S. Benet Fink, London sp. dau. of W^m^ Midnall of Ipswich co. Suff. merchant—at S. Bennet's Paul's Wharf afr^d^." His elder brother Robert was also a mercer in London, and may have induced him to settle there.

THE LONDON BRANCH

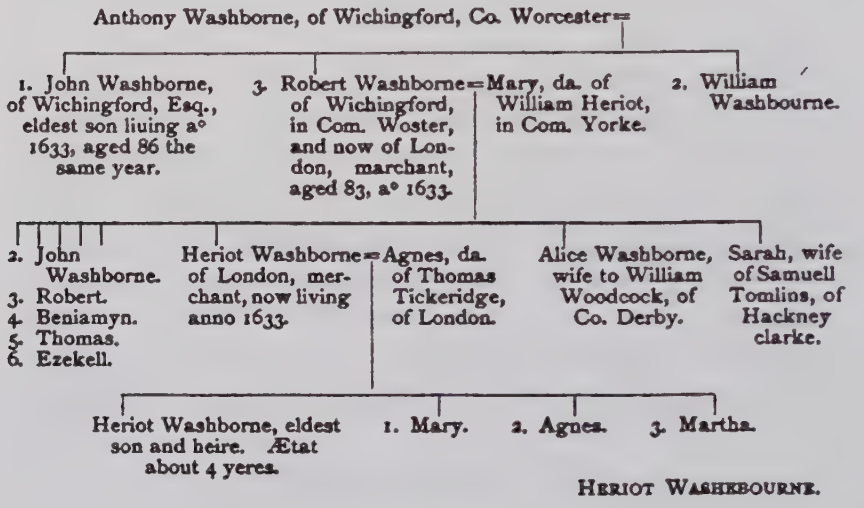
ROBERT, the third son of Anthony, settled in London as a merchant, and was the starter of the London branch of the family, of which the pedigree was recorded at the *Visitation of London* (1633-5) by his son Heriot, who was also a merchant. The Introduction to the *Visitation* points out how common a thing it was at that time for the

[1] The following notes may be useful as possible clues to any future investigator of Washbourne genealogy:—

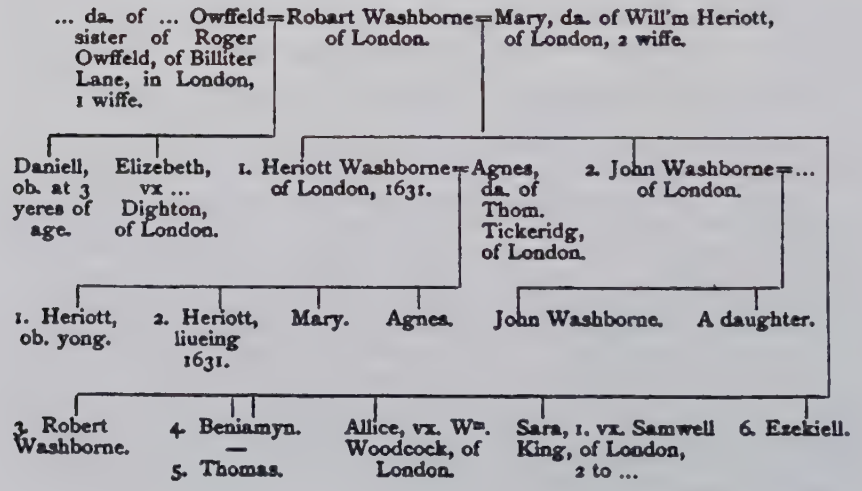
Early in the seventeenth century there were Washbournes at Tibberton and Bredicot, who probably were descendants of Anthony. In the *Worcester Quarter Sessions Rolls*, a John, of Tibberton, appears in 1608 and a William, of Tibberton, in 1625, 1628, and 1631. The will of Prudence, of Bredicot, widow of Thomas, was proved 1665. Allitia, daughter of Mr. William Washborne, was baptized at Hindlip, which adjoins Tibberton, November 19th, 1687. The register of St. Peter's, Droitwich, contains the baptism on March 24th, 1621, of Mary, daughter of Thomas Washburne, Esq. Probate was granted in 1673 to Frances, widow of Thomas, of Hallow, who was buried there January 22nd, 1673. A Richard Washbourne had two daughters baptized at St. John's, Worcester, in 1633 and 1635. At St. Helen's, Worcester, in 1680, William Washbone married Anne French. At Bewdley there was a Nathaniel Washborne in 1651.

younger sons of a family to embark on trade in London while the eldest son lived on the family estates. If this was the case generally, it can readily be seen it was advisable in the case of the Washbournes where there were eight brothers!

The pedigree, with arms and crest, is given thus :—


Anthony Washborne, of Wichingford, Co. Worcester=
1. John Washborne, of Wichingford, Esq., eldest son liuing a° 1633, aged 86 the same year.
3. Robert Washborne= of Wichingford, in Com. Woster, and now of London, marchant, aged 83, a° 1633.
Mary, da. of William Heriot, in Com. Yorke.
2. William Washbourne.
2. John Washborne.
3. Robert.
4. Beniamyn.
5. Thomas.
6. Ezekell.
Heriot Washborne= of London, merchant, now living anno 1633.
Agnes, da. of Thomas Tickeridge, of London.
Alice Washborne, wife to William Woodcock, of Co. Derby.
Sarah, wife of Samuell Tomlins, of Hackney clarke.
Heriot Washborne, eldest son and heire. Ætat about 4 yeres.
1. Mary.
2. Agnes.
3. Martha.
Heriot Washbourne.

The pedigree in Phillimore's *Visitation of Worcestershire* (1569) given in italics is fuller :—


... da. of ... Owffeld sister of Roger Owffeld, of Billiter Lane, in London, 1 wiffe.
=Robart Washborne of London.
=Mary, da. of Will'm Heriott, of London, 2 wiffe.
Daniell, ob. at 3 yeres of age.
Elizebeth, vx ... Dighton, of London.
1. Heriott Washborne= of London, 1631.
Agnes, da. of Thom. Tickeridg, of London.
2. John Washborne= of London.
=...
1. Heriott, ob. yong.
2. Heriott, liueing 1631.
Mary.
Agnes.
John Washborne.
A daughter.
3. Robert Washborne.
4. Beniamyn. —
5. Thomas.
Allice, vx. Wm. Woodcock, of London.
Sara, 1. vx. Samwell King, of London, 2 to ...
6. Ezekiell.

Robert was twice married. The licence dated February 22nd, 1583–4, describes him and his first wife, Dorothy Owfeilde, spinster, daughter of John Owfeilde, of Ashborne, co. Derby, deceased, as both of St. Bennet Gracechurch, where they were married. She was buried March 3rd, 1592, and on October 22nd, 1593, he married Mary Heriot, who was a youthful bride for a widower of forty, whether she was "Mary dau. of W^m^ Harriot" christened July 10th, 1575, or the "Mary Harriot" christened September 30th, 1576.

The parish registers of St. Antholin, Budge Row, London (1538–1754), ed. by Chester and Armytage, contain the following entries of Robert and his family :—

1587.	Nov. 8.	Sarah dau. of Rob't Washborne chr.
1588.	Nov. 5.	An infant of Rob. Washborne's bur. not chr.
1590.	May 10.	An dau. of Rob^t^ Washborne chr.
1592.	June 4.	Dorcas dau. of Rob^t^ Washborne chr.
	Mar. 3.	Dority wife of Rob^t^ Washborn bur.
1593.	Oct. 22.	Rob^t^ Washborn & Mary Harriot marr.
1595.	Jan. 1.	Als dau. of Robart Worshborne chr.
1596.	Dec. 19.	Susan dau. of Rob^t^ Washborn chr.
1597.	Dec. 25.	Harriot dau. of Rob^t^. Washborn bapt.
1599.	May 20.	Jn^o^ son to Robertt Washbourne chr.
1602.	April 18.	Samewell son of Robbart Washborne chr.
	April 22.	Samewell son of Robbart Washborne bur.
1606.	Sep. 21.	Robert son to Robert Washborne chr.
1607.	Dec. 20.	William son to Robert Washborne chr.
1610.	Aug. 12.	Thomas son to Robert Washborne chr.
1611.	Oct. 6.	James son to Robert Washborn chr.
1613.	July 19.	Danniell son to Robert Washborne bur.
1614.	July 31.	Ezechiell son to Robert Washborn chr.
	Aug. 5.	James son to Robert Washborn bur.
	Feb. 21.	Robert Dighton & Elizabeth Washborne marr.
1616.	May 9.	Sammuell son to Robert Washborne chr.
1617.	Oct. 21.	Joseph Negus & Dorkas Washborne marr.
1619.	Dec. 24.	Samuel son to Robert & Mary Washborne bur.
1621.	Feb. 26.	Samuel Harsnet & Martha Washborne marr.
1625.	Dec. 8.	Mary dau. to Harriot & Ann Washburne chr.

1628. Feb. 15. Samuel King & Sara Washborne marr.
1634. June 25. Old Mr Robert Washborn bur.

The register thus credits him with fifteen children, four by his first wife and eleven by his second. To these must be added two others, the Daniel who died aged three and Elizabeth who married Robert Dighton, children of his first wife, and born apparently before their father went to St. Antholin's. This brings the total up to seventeen, and though there can be no certainty on the point, possibly the Martha who married Samuel Harsnet was a daughter. Thus he had seventeen children, if not eighteen in all, and, like his elder brother John, who, living at Wichenford, had thirteen by his two wives, merited the Psalmist's epithet of "happy." If their other six brothers were equally blessed and had their quivers full, the descendants of Anthony (11) must be legion, but fortunately for the writer their history is buried in obscurity.

Above, the Daniel buried 1613 has not been counted, because possibly he is the Daniel (son of the first wife) said to have died at the age of three, which may be an error for thirty. If born in 1584 he would at his death in 1613 be nearly thirty, and it is interesting to notice that (Al. Ox.) a Daniel of London, "gent.", matriculated at Queen's College, Oxford, in 1599, aged fifteen, graduating at St. John's College, B.A. 1603, M.A. 1606. He was an Exhibitioner in 1604, and went up from St. Paul's School. This, of course, is only a surmise of identity, but it seems unlikely that a dead child of three would be mentioned in a pedigree of a much later date.

The child baptized 1597 was not a daughter Harriet, but a son bearing his mother's surname Heriot.

Four of the sons were educated at Merchant Taylors'. (See Robinson's Register):—

1. Heriot, born December, 1597, entered April, 1606. "In 1634 he was a sugar baker and resident in the parish

of St. Helen's, Bishopsgate (*Par. Reg.*). Afterwards he seems to have entered the Parliamentary army, and in 1646 was in the Fleet as a prisoner for debt. He petitioned as 'Colonel Heriott Washbourne' for release." (*Lords' Journals*, viii. 546.)

2. John, born May, 1599, entered April, 1608.

3. Robert, born September 12th, 1606, entered 1616–17.

4. William, born December 17th, 1607, entered 1616–17. The register states that he "probably died young, as his name does not occur in the pedigree of the family entered at the Visitation of London, 1633." Evidently he is described in the *Visitation* as "Benjamin," by error on the part of his brother Heriot. The Merchant Taylors' Register describes his father as "cit. mercer."

Robert's daughter *Sarah*, baptized 1587, was twice married (both her husbands being clergymen and named Samuel). First, to Samuel King on February 15th, 1628. On April 10th, 1629, "Mr. Sammuell King minister" was buried. Secondly to Samuel Tomlins on October 13th, 1631, by whom she had a child, Sara, christened at St. Antholin's, February 27th, 1633.

Robert's daughter, *Alice*, baptized 1595, had five children by William Woodcock (four of whom were baptized at St. Antholin's) viz.: John, buried May 3rd, 1625; John, christened July 20th, 1627; Sara, christened December 21st, 1629; Samuel, christened May 17th, 1632; and Daniel, christened May 1st, 1634. The husband was buried October 12th, 1638.

Robert himself died in June, 1634, at the age of eighty-one, having survived by a few weeks his elder brother, John, of Wichenford, who was buried there in the previous March.

JOHN (12)

Having disposed of the younger sons of Anthony (11), who died 1570, we come now to John, his eldest son, who at the age of twenty-two became the head of the family, with seven brothers younger than himself. With him the family entry in the *Visitation* of 1634 begins. Born in 1548, he lived to be eighty-five or eighty-six, being buried at Wichenford March 5th, 1633–4. His progenitors had died young; his father Anthony at about the age of forty-three, his grandfather John (10) at about thirty-five, and his great-grandfather Robert (9) in the lifetime of his father John (8). And those who came after in the next three generations also were shortlived. He outlived his eldest son John (13) who died aged forty, and his grandson William (14) who died aged twenty-two, and he left as his heir his great-grandson John (15) aged fifteen, who fought at the Battle of Worcester in 1651 and was at his death about thirty-two or thirty-three years of age. Thus he established a record for longevity.

The offices he filled show the leading position which he held in the county. He was a justice of the peace for sixty years, a deputy-lieutenant, and twice high sheriff, in 24 and 42 Eliz. (not 20 Ric. II. as Nash erroneously states through confusing him with his ancestor six generations earlier, the John who married Joan Musard and Margaret Poher and was sheriff 20 Ric. II.). The *Worcester Quarter Sessions Rolls*[1] show that he was very active in performing magisterial work, especially in the years 1605–33, and give the following interesting glimpse of "the best continual housekeeper and the best beloved gentellman of thy[s] Shyre" under the year 1633. "Mr. Washburne a magistrate residing at Wichenford asks Sir Robert Berkeley to continue the licence to an alehouse adjoining Ockeridge Wood, kept by Francis Wainwright,

[1] Edited by J. W. Willis-Bund, Esq., Chairman of the Worcestershire County Council and Quarter Sessions.

and says, 'We are not desirous to countenance or encourage the number of alehouses, for I know the multitude to be too great and many fit to be suppressed, but for the benefit and conveniency of poor labourers inhabiting in that neighbourhood.'"

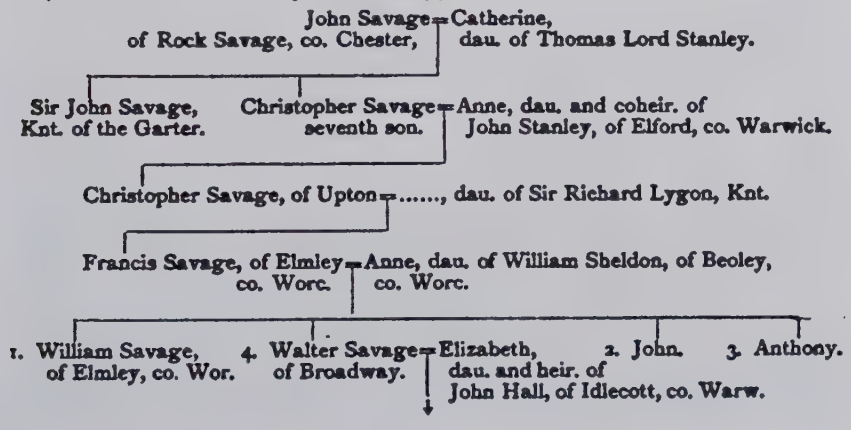
His long life would cover parts of five reigns, Edward VI., Mary, Elizabeth, James I., and Charles I. He came into life about the same time as the first Prayer Book of King Edward VI., and left it when Archbishop Laud was just settled at Canterbury, a long stirring period in the history of the Church, and of progress and adventure and colonization on the part of the nation. In 1588 he gave £25 towards the loan asked for by "that bright Occidental Star Queen Elizabeth of most happy memory" to meet the pressing needs of the nation at the time of the Spanish Armada, and later on in old age he was fined £35 for not taking knighthood at the coronation of Charles I.

He was twice married: first, to Mary Savage, by whom he had five sons (all living 1599), and five daughters; she was daughter of Francis Savage,[1] of Elmley Castle, and

[1] SAVAGE

The Savages had not been in the county long, the grandfather of Mary being the first apparently to settle in it. He married a Lygon, and had the manor of Elmley Castle given him by Henry VIII. in 1545. He was descended from the ancient Cheshire family of Savage, afterwards Viscounts Savage and Earls Rivers. (Gr.)

(Gathered from the *Vis. of Glouc.*, 1623.)

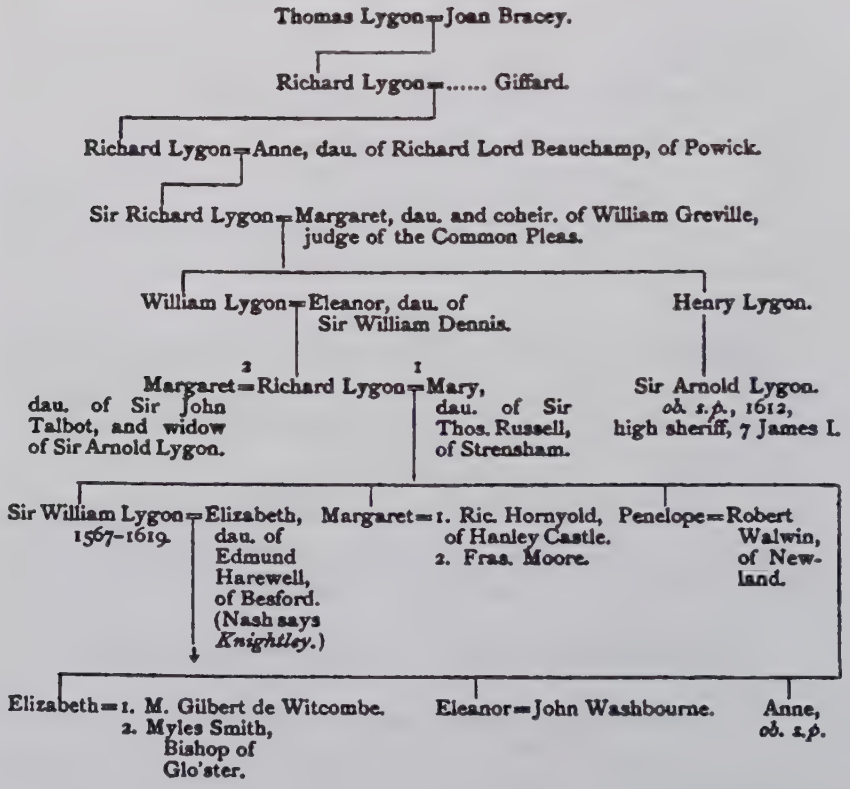

John Savage of Rock Savage, co. Chester, = Catherine, dau. of Thomas Lord Stanley.
Sir John Savage, Knt. of the Garter.
Christopher Savage seventh son. = Anne, dau. and coheir. of John Stanley, of Elford, co. Warwick.
Christopher Savage, of Upton = ..., dau. of Sir Richard Lygon, Knt.
Francis Savage, of Elmley co. Worc. = Anne, dau. of William Sheldon, of Beoley, co. Worc.
1. William Savage, of Elmley, co. Wor.
4. Walter Savage of Broadway. = Elizabeth, dau. and heir. of John Hall, of Idlecott, co. Warw.
2. John.
3. Anthony.

was living in December, 41 Eliz.; secondly, to Eleanor, daughter of Richard Lygon,[1] of Madresfield, whom he married at Madresfield August 31st, 1606, and by whom he had two sons and one daughter. This second wife was buried at Wichenford February 7th, 1628. The following shows that the two wives were cousins, and also kin to their husband, who himself through

[1] LYGON

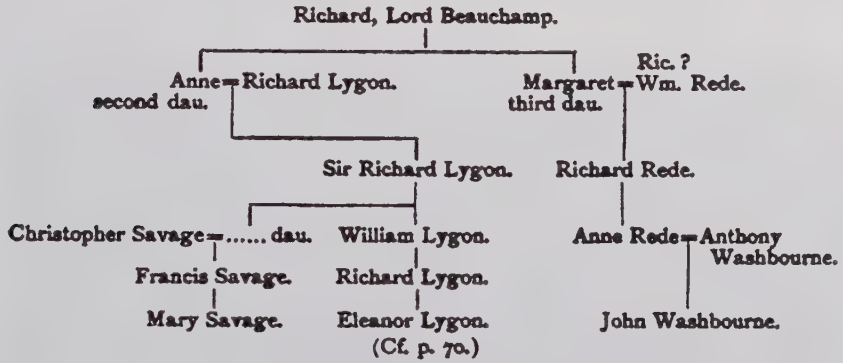
The Lygons were of old standing in the county; Thomas, living temp. Hen. IV., married the rich heiress of William Bracey, of Madresfield and Warndon.

(Gathered from Grazebrook, with additions from Phillimore's *V. of W.*, 1569.)


Thomas Lygon = Joan Bracey.
Richard Lygon = ... Giffard.
Richard Lygon = Anne, dau. of Richard Lord Beauchamp, of Powick.
Sir Richard Lygon = Margaret, dau. and coheir. of William Greville, judge of the Common Pleas.
William Lygon = Eleanor, dau. of Sir William Dennis.
Henry Lygon.
2
Margaret = Richard Lygon = 1 Mary,
dau. of Sir John Talbot, and widow of Sir Arnold Lygon.
dau. of Sir Thos. Russell, of Strensham.
Sir Arnold Lygon. ob. s.p., 1612, high sheriff, 7 James I.
Sir William Lygon 1567-1619.
Elizabeth, dau. of Edmund Harewell, of Besford. (Nash says Knightley.)
Margaret = 1. Ric. Hornyold, of Hanley Castle. 2. Fras. Moore.
Penelope = Robert Walwin, of Newland.
Elizabeth = 1. M. Gilbert de Witcombe. 2. Myles Smith, Bishop of Glo'ster.
Eleanor = John Washbourne.
Anne, ob. s.p.

The present head of the Madresfield family is William Lygon, seventh Earl Beauchamp, born 1872.

his mother, Anne Rede, had Beauchamp blood in his veins.



(Cf. p. 70.)

He was buried at Wichenford March 5th, 1633–4, having erected two years earlier in memory of his father, of himself then eighty-four, and of his own two wives, the large monument on the north side of the chancel, of which Habingdon gives the following account:—

Nowe to[1] a modern descent of three more of this family I must, contrary to my accustomed order, begin fyrst[1] the lowest in the Chauncell. In the northe and inferior part is a fayre Tombe, and vnderneathe the portrature of a man armed all, savinge his heade, wearinge theareon a blacke cap turned vpp red, and[1] that his helmet, and at his feete a Lyon. Above this an other portrature in the same fashyon, the co[1] wantinge. And above thease towe gentellwemen kneelinge and between them Washborne's A,[1] beeinge Argent, on a fesse between six martlets gules 3 Quaterfoyles of the first. On the[1] of the monument all his Armes appeare. 1. Wasborn as before. 2. Gules, a fesse and two molle[1] in cheife Argent. 3. Erm., a cheife bendee Or and Sables. 4. As the first. 1 *Washborne quartering* 2 *Poher or Powre and* 3 *Dabetote*. I wryte as they should bee, not as they are. Over all his helmet, and theare on a wreathe Argent and Gules, a flame of fyre Gules within a band Or, Mantled Gules doubled Argent. On the highest pillar of this tombe a[1] Washborne's coates quartered as beefore, impalinge Argent six Lions rampant sables. *Washborne impalinge Sauage*. On the low[1] the same Washborn's Armes impalinge Argent, 2 lyons passant

[1] "The margin at the right hand of the whole of this page has been cut." (Note in Habingdon.)

queues furches Gules. *Washborn impalinge Lygon.* At the monumentes heade is this memorable inscription :—

> This monument was erected by John Wa[1] born, Esquyr, in pious memory of his father, Anthony Washborn, Esquyr, as allso of himsealfe and his towe wif[1], the first Mary, daughter of Frauncis Sauage of Elmley Castell, Esquyre, the secound Elianor, daughter of Richard Lygon of Madersfeild, Esq., descended from one of the coheyres of the Lord Beauchamp of Powi[1], the said John Wasborn beeinge at the tyme of the inscription heere of the age of 84 yeeres, within[1] tyme he hathe bin 60 yeeres in commission of the peace, and twyse Highe Shireefe of this County, and Deputy Lieutenant to fowre Lordes Presidents[2] and Lordes Lieutenants of the principality of W[1] and Marches of the same, the Lord Ewre, the Lord Gerrard, William Earle of Northampton, and John Earle of Bridgwater, now lyuinge A.D. 1632.

It will be noticed that there is a difference between the arms as shown on the monument and described by Habingdon, and the arms in the College of Arms drawing, the quarterings of Poher and D'Abitot occupying different positions. Habingdon's comment that he gives the arms as they should be and not as they are probably refers to cinquefoils being given for quatrefoils.

The male figures are 6 ft. 3 ins. long; the kneeling wives are 3 ft. 7 ins. high. The former are of some solid substance, but not the latter.

The tomb, which is 10 ft. 6 ins. high and 10 ft. long, is much ornamented; in the left-hand top corner are a

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[2] "At some time or other during the Tudor rule, the precise date is not clear, but probably about 1543, the time of the Statute 34 Henry VIII., c. 26, the office of Lord Lieutenant of the counties of Worcester, Salop, and Hereford was attached to and subsequently held with the office of the Lord President of the Court of the Welsh Marches. This was certainly the case for the period from the accession of Elizabeth in 1558 till the time of the Civil War, and possibly until 1689, when the court was abolished. The Lord Lieutenants, who were also Lord Presidents of the Marches of Wales . . . were, Earl of Pembroke 1586–1601, Edward Lord Zouche 1601–7, Robert Lord Eure 1608–17, Thomas Lord Gerard 1617, William Lord Compton afterwards Earl of Northampton 1617–31, John Earl of Bridgwater 1633–42, James Lord Stanley afterwards Earl of Derby 1642." (Introduction to *Worcester Quarter Sessions Rolls*, ed. by J. W. Willis-Bund, Esq.)

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scythe and hour-glass, in the right a skull and bones, spade and mattock, and along the top, fruits. The Prattinton MS.[1] comments thus on the tomb :—

This has been an handsome Alabaster monument, but is much injured by wretched Painting. It well deserves to be drawn. The Two Male figures lie under an Entablature supported by Corinthian Columns which are painted to imitate Marble.

The Lower figure is in plate armour, puffed Breeches, scaly Armour on the feet. He has a long Visage, the hands are elevated in Prayer, a square Beard, Whiskers and mustachios, the Hair appears under the Cap. The Ruff is quilled.

The two females are in circular-headed Recesses at the Back of the Monument both kneeling on square cushions—the One to the Right from the Arms, Mary Savage,[2] has a pleasing countenance. She is dressed in a sack Jacket & lace Tippet Ruff, a small Apron, full Peticoats, full sleeves and laced cuffs—the Hair is turned up, round her Neck a Double Row of Jewels with a pendant ornament—no earing or Rings on the fingers of either—(the Right Eleanor Lygon[2] differs little in Dress: her Lace is all vandyked, her sleeves closer, her Tippet comes more forward, and the pendant Ornament is a Heart).

The original inscription is gone from the top, and there is a brass, thus worded, on a level with the lower figure :—

This monument was erected by John Washborne, Esq., in pious memory of his father, Anthony Washborne, Esq., as also of himself and his two wives, the first Mary the daughter of Francis Savage, of Elmley Castle, esq., the second Elenor the daughter of Richard Lygon of Madresfield, esq., descended from one of the coheiresses of the Lord Beauchamp of Powick; the said John Washborne being at the time of this inscription of the age of 84 years.

Restored A.D. 1863 by
William Money-Kyrle, esq., of Homme House, Herefordshire, great-great-grandson of Elizabeth Washborne, of Wichenford, who was married to Francis Money, Esq., A.D. 1723.

What amount of "restoration" of the monument was

[1] The date of Peter Prattinton's visit to Wichenford is not known: he died July, 1848.

[2] The figure near the door with the closer sleeves and the vandyked lace is Mary Savage. Eleanor Lygon has the fuller sleeves, double row of jewels, etc. This is shown by the arms impaled; the six lions of the Savages, the two lions of the Lygons.

done is not clear, but according to a report in the *Ecclesiologist*, December, 1863, the "immense seventeenth-century alabaster monument . . . has been repainted and gilded in the showy style of that period."

The lower figure still shows the "blacke cap turned vpp red," and no doubt represents Anthony. The monument is now in very fair condition, but unfortunately the flame of fire has at some time been knocked off the wreath.

It will be convenient to give the will of John later on[1] after the particulars concerning his thirteen children, so too the inquisition[2] held on the death of his grandson William, which throws light on the properties he disposed of by his will.

Signature of John (12) in a deed of 22 Eliz. selling land to John Wicken at Wichenford—

JOHN (13)

John, the eldest son of the old sheriff by his first wife, Mary Savage, was born in 1575. This is clear from the entry of his matriculation, at All Souls' College, Oxford, on November 7th, 1589, where his age is given as fourteen. Agreeing with this is the age at death in 1615 as given by Habingdon, viz. forty; but unfortunately Nash incorrectly gives forty-eight, Prattinton follows suit, so too the modern brass plate over the monument to be referred to presently.

He graduated B.A. from St. Mary Hall on March 28th, 1593, and was also a barrister according to Al. Ox., "bar. at law Middle Temple 1604, as son and heir of John of Wichenford co. Worcester esq."

[1] pp. 131–135. [2] pp. 138, 139.

He married 41 Eliz. Alice, youngest daughter of Henry Robinson,[1] citizen and brewer of London, by his wife, Alice Wilkes, who in 1598 was living with her third husband, Thomas Owen, one of the justices of the Court of Common Pleas. The thought occurs that it was possibly through the influence of the last-named that John and his brother Anthony were enrolled at one of the Inns.

In view of her marriage with his son, John (12), the father, settled upon Alice and her heirs male the manor of Knight's Washbourne by deed dated December 2nd, 41 Eliz. From her mother she received one-fifth of the manor of Cransley,[2] in Northamptonshire, amounting to 394 acres, which manor her mother had bought a little time before (about 1594) from the Cecils. There is extant

[1] *Bridges' Northamptonshire* (under Cranesley, pp. 90, 91), says: "The several manors and most of the lands in Cranesley being thus in the hands of Edward Dallison and Edward Barnewell, in the twenty-seventh year of Queen Elizabeth they conveyed the same to Sir Thomas Cecil, of Burghley, Kt., son and heir of William lord Burghley, Lord High Treasurer of England. And in the thirty-seventh of the same reign Sir Thomas Cecil sold all his lands here, with the three several manors, Merston's or Dallison's, Newark, and Pulton's manor, to Alice Elkin, widow. This lady, the daughter of Thomas Wilkes, was first married to Henry Robinson, descended from the family of Robinson in Yorkshire, by whom she had issue six sons, John, William, Henry, John, Thomas, and Henry, with five daughters, Margaret married to Sir John Brett, of Edmundton, in Middlesex, Susan, Anne, Anne the younger married to Robert Riche, of Horndon-on-the-hill, in the county of Essex, Esq., and Alice, the wife of John Washbourn, of Wichingford, in Worcestershire, Esquire. Her second husband was William Elkin, Esq., alderman of London, who had issue Ursula, an only daughter, who became the wife of Sir Roger Owen, of Condover, in Shropshire, Kt. After his decease she married a third husband, Thomas Owen, one of the Justices of the court of common pleas to queen Elizabeth. She died in 1613, and was buried in Islington Church, where is an inscription to her memory. At the time of her purchasing this estate, five of her children by Henry Robinson, her first husband, being living, she divided it equally between them. But John, one of the sons, dying shortly after, his share devolved upon Sir Henry Robinson, his brother; and Mrs. Elkin herself buying another part of Anne Robinson, one of her daughters, and giving it to her son Henry, he became possessed of three-fifths of the estate. Of the other two-fifths, one passed in marriage with Margaret to Sir John Brett, and the other with Alice to John Washbourn, Esquire. . . . The share which went to Sir John Brett hath been several times conveyed, and is now pretty equally divided between Mr. Robinson and Mr. Hopkins. About half Mr. Washbourn's is still remaining in the family, the rest having been disposed of to Richard Kynnesman, Esq., and others."

[2] See Appendix No. 1.

a beautifully designed and coloured map of Alice Robinson's fifth part of the manor forming part of the marriage settlement, which bears date December 6th, 41 Eliz., in an "indenture sextipartite" between Thomas Owen, one of Her Majesty's justices of the Court of Common Pleas, and Alice, his wife, late the wife of William Elkin, deceased, late Alderman of the City of London, and before that the wife of Henry Robinson, citizen and brewer, of London, deceased, of the first part: John Robinson, son and heir of the said Henry and heir-apparent of the said Alice Owen, of the second part: Henry Robinson, second son of the said Henry Robinson, deceased, and of the said Alice Owen of the third part: Margaret, wife of John Brett, of Edmonton, co. Middlesex, gent., one of the daughters of the said Alice Owen, of the fourth part; Anne Robinson, another daughter, of the fifth part; and Alice Robinson, another daughter of Henry Robinson by the said Alice Owen, deceased, and John Washbourne, son and heir-apparent of John Washbourne, of Wichenford, in the county of Worcester, esquire, "by and between which said John Washbourne the son and the said Alice Robinson there is a marriage by the permission of Almighty God intended and meant shortly to be had and solemnized" of the sixth part. The lengthy deed, which is very much faded, shows that John's bride was a woman of property. He died September 25th, 1615, and was buried within the altar rails at Wichenford on the south side. Habingdon's description of this monument follows that of his father's monument:—

Nowe will I ascend to his sonn[1] monument fayrely raysed between towe Pillars in the highest southe of the Chauncell. Vnd[1] an Arche lyethe his Portrature, armed all savinge his heade and handes, vnder his heade his[1] met, vnder his feete his Gauntletts, above all his Armes quartered as his father's, and on a[1] met

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the Creast, wreathe, with mantlinge and doublinge as before, and the Pillars ador[1] with his Armes: the inscription,

In obitum generosi uiri Johannis Washborn, Arm., qui ex hac[1] migrauit 25 Septemb., 1615, ætat. 40

En quo fata uocant omnes quo tendimus omnes
Nil prosunt Lachrime stat sua cuique dies
Quod potuit rapuit mors seua et nescia uirtus
Funeris haec auidos effugit una rogos
Te pietas candorque animi supra astra tenarunt[2]
te decorat pure religionis amor
in celis tibi parta quies iam eterna salusque est
in terra tua laus non moritura viget.

On his leafte hand lyethe his wife. On the syde of this his murall monument kneele his 2 sonnes and a daughter.

The state of the monument when seen by Prattinton is thus given :—

The Arch and Pillars are quite gone. The Tomb standing on the South side of the Communion Table, from which it is separated by a wooden Railing.—The figures are lying as described by Mr. Habingdon.—He is dressed in plate Armour, the knees appearing under a sort of full Peticoat open in front—his sword on the left side gone, his Vest Collar close under his Ruff—His hair curled & combed high in front, as is the fashion with young Men at the present Time—he has a beard and mustachios—the Hands are gone.

She has a close cap, her hair combed up & divided in two, a pleated neck Kerchief under a very large open Ruff—Gown laced at the Edge—long hanging sleeves Jacket trimmed at the Top with lace close small buttoned, loose sleeves, quilled cuffs, shoes with very high heels—Toes broken off & arms.

The 3 Children on the North side of the Monument—the eldest boy with his hair as his father's—Stiff large collar, buttoned Jacket & Gown—the youngest as the eldest but with hanging sleeves (?) both kneeling—the female dressed as her Mother, with a Ruff & loose thin sleeves. The Hands of the three figures gone . . . Nash adds to the inscription, which Dr. Thomas says was gone in his time, these four lines, "Te pietas etc."

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[2] Nash gives levarunt.

In 1863, at the restoration of the church, the monument was removed from within the altar rails and placed in its present position at the south-west corner of the nave, the arms being built into the west wall with the crest still intact and a brass plate affixed to the wall with this inscription :—

In memory of John Washborne esq. grandson of Anthony Washborne esq. and son of John Washborne esq. (and also of his wife and children) who departed this life 25th Sepr 1615 aged 48.

Restored A.D. 1863 by William Money Kyrle Esq. of Homme House Herefordshire.

The figures are now in a very good state and unmutilated. The hands of the father and the three children, missing in Prattinton's time, have been recovered, and are now in their proper places, and the mother rejoices in the restoration to her of the toes and arms then cruelly severed!

The male figure is 5 ft. 11 ins., the female 5 ft. 3 ins. It is difficult to believe the childish figures, which are 2 ft. high, represent two sons and one daughter; the costumes betoken two daughters with one son between them. Perhaps the wooden railing prevented Habingdon and Prattinton from having a clear view of the side of the monument, which is 6 ft. 3 ins. long and 4 ft. wide.

John died in September, 1615, and on November 23rd, 1616, letters of administration were granted to his widow. Her return shows that the expenses of the funeral and erection of the tomb were enormous, £78! The mournful widow placed on the tomb a figure of herself by the side of her husband, but brighter days were in store. She was still a widow on May 1st, 15 James I. (when she bought eight bullaries[1] at Droitwich from Humphrey

[1] See Appendix No. 3.

TOMB ADJOINING WEST WALL IN WICHENFORD CHURCH
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Salwey and Sir Edward Littleton, whose daughter Lettice had shortly before been married to her son William); but on September 4th, 1617, she became the wife of Francis Downes,[1] who in July, 16 James I., was living at Orsett, co. Essex, and who was son and heir-apparent of Roger Downes, of Wardley, co. Lancaster. The marriage took place at Condover, co. Salop, where her half-sister, Ursula, the wife of Sir Roger Owen of that place, was apparently then living. Mr. Downes was living in the October of 1637, but an indenture[2] of March 28th, 1643, shows that she was then a widow for the second time and resident at Pytchley. Particulars of her will, dated February 22nd, 1653, are given later on[3] in connection with her great-grandson, William (16), who left Wichenford for Pytchley, and was about fourteen years of age at the time of her death. She died and her will was proved before December 13th, 1655. Thus she lived for nearly forty years after the death of John Washbourne, alongside of whose effigy she placed one of herself in the early days of her first widowhood! The tomb remained at Wichenford, but the inscription given above beginning "In obitum" and ending "non moritura viget" was removed to Pytchley, apparently by Alice. This fact is shown by a letter now in the possession of Major Money-Kyrle, written by Mr. Abner W. Brown from Pytchley Vicarage, September 20th, 1838, to Sir James Money, Bart. Mr. Brown sends copies of the stones inscribed to members of the Washbourne family, and also of a "mural monumental slab of black marble with letters of gold which lies in the chancel; having been some time in another place or another church":—

In obitum generosissimi viri Johns. Washbourne Armiger qui ex hac vita comigravit 25 Sept. An° Dni 1615 aetatis 40.

[1] See Appendix No. 2. [2] See Appendix No. 9. [3] pp. 150–156.

En quo fata vocant omnes, quo tendimus omnes,
Nil prosunt lachrymae: stat sua cuiq. dies.
Quos potuit, rapuit mors saeva, at nescia virtus
Hen . . . RIS . . . HO . . . avidos effugit una rogos.[1]
Te pietas candorq. animi super astra elevarunt,
Te decorat purae religionis amor,
In coelis tibi parta quies jam aeterna salusq. est,
In terris tua laus, non moritura viget.

And on this letter of Mr. Brown appears the following, in the handwriting of the Rev. Stoughton Money-Kyrle, who died in 1852: "Removed from Wichenford in all probability, where such a monument once was, but is not now." As the mural monument, in Habingdon's time at Wichenford, was gone in the time of Dr. Thomas who died in 1738, it looks very much as though Alice Downes removed it from Wichenford, to Pytchley where she lived during her second widowhood, in loving recollection of her first husband.

John Washbourne had three children by Alice Robinson, besides the three represented on the tomb:

1. WILLIAM (14). See below on page 135.

2. John, second son. On March 1st, 1615–16, that is to say six months after the father's death, his mother executed a deed[2] granting him an annuity of £50 out of certain lands in Cransley, and a little later, 14 James I., on the occasion of his elder brother's marriage, she left Cransley to William and his heirs male with remainder[3] to John and his heirs. No further particulars are at present available about him, and the 1634 *Visitation* simply mentions him as the second son. The absence of his name from his mother's will made 1653 suggests that he died before that time.

3. Mary. The *Visitation* gives her as "married to . . . Leigh of Cheshire," a vague description. She was

[1] Part of this line is much effaced. [2] p. 221. [3] p. 139.

the first wife of John Legh, sheriff of Cheshire, who died April, 1660, and had by him five children. Ormerod (vol. i., 498) contains the following :—

At Over Knutsford or Booths was an antient domestic chapel which was taken down when the chapel of Nether Knutsford was made a parish church. Its site is marked by a pillar. In Harl. MSS. 2151, p. 66, is a copy of the following memorial which formerly existed there :—

> Here within this tombe lyeth interred the body of John Legh of Northbury Boothes, esq., who was made High Sheriffe of the County Palatine of Chester, the 31 day of Decemb'. in the yeare of our Lord God 1657 and so continued for y^e^ yeares 1658, 1659: and so whilest he was High Sheriffe departed this life on Monday ye 16^th^ day of April 1660 being aged 59 yeares. He married three wives; the first was Mary, dau. of Jo. Washborne of Washborne and Wichenford in ye county of Worcester, Esq. by whom he had 2 son'es and 3 daughters. His 2^d^ wife was Dorothy, dau. of Rich. Ashton of Midleton in the county palatyne of Lancastre, esq. by whom he had issue 3 son'es and 8 dau'rs. His 3^rd^ wife was Elizabeth, dau. to Tho. Stanley of Alderley in the said county palatyne of Chester by whom alsoe he had issue 3 son'es and 2 dau'rs: so that of all his children there onelye remained alive, at the tyme of his decease, Elizabeth, by the first wife: Dorothy and Anne by the second wife: Elizabeth, Mary, Peter and Richard, by the 3 wife, w^ch^ said Peter is now his lawfull heire and lord of Northbury Boothes, in w^ch^ family God continue it.

In the pedigree of "Legh of Knutsford Booths," Ormerod gives Elizabeth, Mary Washbourne's daughter, as "Elizabeth wife of Thomas Hollinshed, of Heywood in Nether Alderley, gent. Jan. 29, 1666," but he does not give the names of the other two daughters and the two sons. It is clear from the above that Mary died comparatively young. Her daughter Elizabeth Legh received a legacy of £400 under the will of her grandmother, Alice Downes, made February 22nd, 1653.

An indenture of January 16th, 1632, is extant between Francis Downes the elder, of Pytchley, esquire, and Francis Downes, son and heir-apparent of Roger Downes, of Wardley, co. Lancaster, esquire, of the one part, and John Leighe, gent., son and heir-apparent of William Leighe, of Boothes, co. Chester, esquire, and Thomas Leighe, of Knottesford, gent., of the said county, of the other part, for the sale to the Leighes of waste lands in Marple or Torkinton, co. Chester.

Inventory and Account of Alice, Widow and Administratrix of John (No. 13).

The accompte of Alice Washburne administratrix of all and singuler the goodes and chattells of John Washburne late of Wichenford in the countie of Worcester gent. deceased made of and uppon her administracon in the goodes and chattells of the saide deceased as followeth.

The Chargs

In primis the accomptant chargeth herself w^th^ the sõme of five hundred nynetie one poundes three shillinges and fower pence of lawfull money of England for the full value of all such goods cattells readie money and debts of the saide deceased as since his death have come to her handes and possession contayned in an Inventarie thereof made and remayninge in the Registrie of this Courte } vj^o^ iiij^xx^ xj^li^ iij^s^

Summa patet

The Discharge

And the accomptant praieth allowance of these sõmes followinge by her paied out and to be disbursed as followeth.

In primis paide to M^rs^ Lenton for the . . . estates debte due by } liiij^li^ x^s^

Item paied to M^r^ Cliffe . . . Great Wittly for . . . by Band } xl^s^

Suma lxxxiiij^li^ x^s^

funeralls and other charges laied out and to be laied out

Item for all manner of charges laied out about the funerall and for a decent tombe	lxxviij^{li} xix^{s} j^{d}
Item for the charges of a commission to take the oath and band of th'accomptant and for the Proctors fee then allowed wth other chargs then defraied	xviij^{s} 4^{d}
Item for the charges of a messinger sent upp to London to take out the Commission and to come upp to London with it againe to take out the Administracon	iij^{li} vj^{s} viij^{d}
Item for the letters of administracon & charges of the Inventory Proctors fee and proxie to exhibite the same wth other charges then disbursed	xxxiij^{li} iiij^{d}
Item for drawinge of this accompte in paper for double ingrossinge thereof in parchment for the Proctor's fee and proxie to ꝑcure, the same to be allowed and for other disbursements then made	xxvj^{s} 8^{d}
Item for the Quietus, for letters testimoniall and for the fee of the seale putt unto this accompte at the tyme of passinge therof	xxiiij^{li} 8^{d}

Suma lxxxvij^{li} viij^{s} ix^{d}

Sume of the discharge clxxxj^{li} xviij^{s} ix^{d}

And soe resteth in her handes v^{c} viij^{li} iiij^{s} vij^{d}

We have now reached the end of the thirteenth generation in the main line. Before the fourteenth is proceeded with, a long digression is necessary to deal with the other children of John (12) by his two wives. By Mary Savage there were five sons and five daughters, by Eleanor Lygon two sons and one daughter, a total of thirteen.

The main line is resumed on page 135 with William (14), grandson of John by Mary Savage, and son of John by Alice Robinson.

Family of John Washbourne (12) by Mary Savage :—

1. John (13), born 1575, died 1615. See above.

2 and 3. Anthony and Henry. From the way in which these are ranked together in the C.A. pedigree, and the fact that they were born in the same year, we conclude they were twins. Anthony matriculated at St. Mary Hall, Oxford, in 1593, between August 11th and November 23rd, and his age is given as fifteen. Henry matriculated at the same college in November, 1594, his age being given as sixteen. (Register of the University of Oxford.) Thus they were born in 1578. They were both living in 1598 (41 Eliz.), but both were dead, leaving no children, and apparently unmarried, at the 1634 Visitation. And in their father's will they are not mentioned.

According to Al. Ox., Anthony became in 1597 a student of the Middle Temple, of which his elder brother John became a barrister in 1604. (Later on their half-brother William was a student of Gray's Inn, in 1638, and in 1637 John (15), the grandson of John (13), was at the Middle Temple.) Whether this Anthony is the grantee in the following is uncertain : "1610 Sept. 29—Grant to Anth. Washborne in reversion after Rich. Delabere of the office of Attorney General of cos. Carmarthen, Pembroke, Radnor & Brecknock."

4. Giles (Egidius), fourth son of John, was born after 1578. The 1634 Visitation shows that he was married, but John Clent, who entered up the family pedigree at it, either did not know the name of his wife or did not trouble to give it. She was Anne Ordeway, and the marriage is thus recorded, at Bengeworth where they settled, on folio 70b :—

1606. "Giles Washburne and Anne Ordeway were maried the same day." The first marriage in this year was on

May 6th. No month or day is given in the case of the other four, of which Giles' is one, and the marriage of Nathaniel Moore with Margret Ordeway another. (A Humphrey More married a Margery Ordwaye February 16th, 1575.)

Anne was about twenty-five at the time of her marriage. The marriage of her parents and her baptism are thus recorded :—

1580. "Thomas ordwaye & Agnes Dacle were married the xxiiiith daie." (No month is specified, but the previous entry is on July 10, and the next is in September, so probably July is meant.)

1581. Under Baptisms :—

"Anne Ordwaye the Daughter of Thomas ordway the xth Daye of October."

She had several brothers — Thomas baptized in 1583, Robert in 1585, John in 1587, and Richard in 1589, and possibly others. The Ordeway entries between 1538–1622 are most numerous. Full particulars have already been given of the branch of the Washbornes which was settled at Bengeworth as early as 1538, from which the American family is descended, and entries quoted pp. 46, 47 point to the friendship existing between them and (among others) the Ordeways, Moores, and Dacles. Two others are worthy of notice as showing that the Ordeways, though a Bengeworth family, were also connected with Wichenford, a fact which doubtless accounts for Giles' acquaintance with his future wife :—

Under Baptisms :—

1562. 6 Aug. "Edmonde Adames, Edmond Milnar & *John Ordway of Wickenford* godfathers & Christian Phelpes godmothers."

1563. 23 Oct. "Agnes Symons, Agnes Ordway & Mary Dacle godmothers, and *John Ordway filius Edwardi de Wickenford* godfather."

And in the Calendar of Wills at Worcester are the following wills or inventories :—

1558. *Richard Ordymare of Wichenford.*
1562. "John Handye servant to *Edward Ordweye of Wychwanford.*"
1580. Robert Ordwey sen. of Bengeworth. (John Washborne, John Dacle, and Edward Phelps are the appraisers : estate valued at £92 2*s.* 10*d.*)

It does not require much imagination to guess what brought Giles, of Wichenford, settling at Bengeworth in 1606 among his kinsmen with his bride connected with that place and also with Wichenford. That was the year of his father's second marriage with Eleanor Lygon. The remarriage at the age of fifty-eight of a father already blessed with ten children might instil fears as to future complications and make him think it was time to strike out in a fresh part; possibly he received a hint to do so. At any rate he went forth and lived and died at Bengeworth. He was buried there September 23rd, 1636, his wife being then alive : and if the "Anne[1] Washborne widdow" buried on April 1st, 1668, was Anne Ordeway, she must have been eighty-six at the time of death. They had a large family.

The entries at Bengeworth are :—

1607. 4 Oct. [Name not mentioned] of Gyles Washeburne. Bapt.

(Only four entries in register for 1609, none for 1610 and 1611.)

1615. 4 Feb. Samuel y^e^ sonne of Giles Washeburne. Bapt.
1617. "*Daniel y^e^ sonn of Giles Washeburne March viii.*" Bapt.
1620. 18 Feb. Elizabeth ye dau. of Giles Washeburne. Bapt.

And the transcripts contain, besides the baptisms of Samuel, incorrectly given as February 4th, 1618, and of Elizabeth, the following burials :—

1636. "Elisabeth the daughter of Gyles Washborne the 12 July."
1636. "Gyles washborne the 23 September."

[1] p. 113.

But there were other children. His will mentions as living in 1636 three sons, Joseph (the eldest), Samuel, and Daniel, and five daughters—Hester, Rebecca, Sarah, Martha, and Jane. Elizabeth had died some six weeks before the will was made. All these five daughters were probably born between 1607 and 1615, years during which the register was badly kept, and the entries are comparatively few. There was also, apparently, another son Nathaniell, buried at Wandsworth in 1623. It is noticeable that the names Samuel and Daniel occur also in the family of Giles' uncle, Robert, the merchant of London (p. 81).

Under his father's will Giles had a legacy of £80. The *Worcester Quarter Sessions Rolls* record that on September 30th, 1634, there was a "Presentment by the Grand Jury of . . . Giles Washbourne and Thomas Ordwaye of Bengeworth for ploughing up one procession way in Little Hampton and for ploughing up mears and furrows and stocking up bushes being ancient landmarks between neighbour and neighbour all which hedgings ditchings quicksetting and stocking was within them three years last past." Allusion to his land in Hampton is made in his will.

It may be noted that Giles was the only Washbourne of that name mentioned in all the eighteen generations of the Wichenford family, and that the Bengeworth Register, 1538–1622, contains no baptism of any Giles nor the marriage of any other Giles than this husband of Anne Ordeway. The name occurs in his mother's family (Giles Savage, first cousin of Giles Washbourne, being high sheriff in 1626) and also in the Rede family, to which his grandmother belonged; hence probably the choice of the name.

THE WILL OF GILES WASHBOURNE (1636)

In the name of God Amen The Three & Twenteth day of August in the Tweluth yeare of the Raigne of o^{r} sovaigne Lord Chareles by the grace of god of England Scotland Ffrance & Ireland Kinge Defendo^{r} of the faith &c Anoqe Dni 1636 I Gyles Washbourne of Bengworth in the County of worcester yeoma^{n} being nowe aged & subiecte to sickenes & infirmity of body but of good & pfecte minde & memory thankes be to the Allmighty god doe make constitute & ordayne my last will & Testam^{t} in mann^{r} & forme followinge ffirst acknoweledginge my eleccon Creacon redempcon sanctificacon and Justificacon I doe most willingly bequeathe Comitt & render my soule a created substance invisible incorporall imortall & resemblinge the Image of her creator into the most holy & sacred hands of god the maker thereof of god the redeem^{r} & Saviou^{r} thereof one god in Trinity and trinity in unity To whome be all honour power & glory nowe & for eu^{r} Amen I doe Confesse & pfesse in all humility And I doe very Confidently beleeue that the pmise of gods grace in the mercy & merritts of Christ Jesus belongeth unto mee & that I shall be saved by the only Death & passion of Jesus Christ who hath thereby satisfied his fathers wrath & Just Indignacon for my most greeuous sinnes & Offences my body beinge subiecte to Death & Corrupcon I recomend as earth to Earth whreof it was made to be interred where it shall please my Executrix assuredly beleeuinge that the same shall rise agayne not Corruptible vile & weake as nowe it is butt imortall stronge & pfecte in all thinges like the body of my glorified redem^{r} Christ Jesus & be united to my soule eu^{r}lastingly to be saved the w^{ch} god grante for his mercies sake And as touchinge those temporall thinges wherewth it hath pleased the lord to blesse mee thereby Accordinge to the aduise of the holy Gost the better to settle the same in order before my depture hence .I doe hereby dispose give devise will & bequeath them in mann^{r} & forme following ffirst I give & bequeath unto Anne my welbeloued wiefe the messuage or tenem^{t} wherein nowe I dwell wth thapptenñcs scituate lyinge & beinge in Bengeworth afores^{d} & allsoe the tenem^{t} therunto belonginge called Deacles howse wth the backsid appteyninge to the same To have and to hold unto her the s^{d} Anne for & dueringe the terme of her ñrall life & after her decease then I doe give & bequeath the sd howse wherin I nowe dwell wth the

apptenñcs unto Josephe Washbourn my Eldest sonne & his heires & assignes for eu^{r} & ye tenem^{t} hereunto adioyninge called Deacles howse wth the backside thereunto belonginge unto my sonne Daniell Washborne & his heires & assignes for eu^{r} Item I give unto the s^{d} Anne my welbeloued wief all that barne adioyninge to the Leyes called Bengworth Leys by mee there lately builte & erected To have & to hould unto her for the terme of her nrall liefe & after her decease then my will and meaninge is that the same shall remayne & come unto my sonne Samuell Washborne & his heires for eu^{r} And if ye sd Samuell shalbe at any tyme minded or disposed to take & pull downe the sd barne frome of the ground wherein the same nowe standeth then my will & meaninge is that my sd sonne Josephe shall have the s^{d} ground whereon the same stood to hime & his heires for eu^{r} And whereas I nowe am & doe stand lawfully possed & interested by force of sev̄all leases hereof to mee made by sevall psons for the termes of ? yeares therein yet to come of & in ffourty acres of errable land or thereabouts wth thappteñcs lyinge & beinge in the ffeilds of greate Hampton and little Hampton in the sd Countyes of worcester I do give & bequeath all the sd forty acres of land unto ye sd Anne my wiefe for & in dueringe soe many yeares of the sd sev^{r}all termes therein yet to come as shee the said Anne shall happen to live And after the decease of her the s^{d} Anne then I give & bequeath all the sd pmisses for & dueringe all the residue of the sd sev^{r}all tearmes of yeares w^{ch} shalbe therein then to come & unexpird unto my sd sonnes Daniell & Samuell & theire assignes Item I give & bequeath unto Hester Rebecca Sara martha & Jane my five daughters the sume of forty pounds a peice of lawfull Englishe mony Twenty pounds a peice whereof I will shalbe payd unto them wthin the space of three monthes next after my decease & the other twenty pounds a peice wthin twoe yeares then next following And if any of my sd daughters shall happen to dye before this my guifte & bequest shalbe due unto her or them then my will and meaninge is that the sd porcon or porcons of her or them soe dyinge shalbe equally devided amongst the rest of my sd daughters w^{ch} shalbe then liveinge All the rest of my goods Cattell Chattles Corne houshold stuffe mony plate utensiles & Implem^{t} of houshold & husbandry whatsoeu^{r} not herein before bequeathed I give & bequeath unto my sd welbeloued wief Anne whoe I make & ordayne sole executrix of this my last will & testam^{t} desinge her to see my debts & funerall expences payd & dischardged & the

legacies hereby by me given likwise payd & sattisfied unto the pties beforemenc̃oned accordinge to the true intente & meaninge of this my last will & testam^{t} And soe revokinge renouncinge & adnullinge all form̃ wills & Testam^{ts} by me heretofore made doe publishe & declare this to be my last will & testam^{t} conteyninge six sheetes of pa$\tilde{p}$ And for the better pformance of the same I doe noïate & appoynt Thomas ordway gent maire of ye Burrough of Eveshame in the sd County of Worcester Richard Ordway Edward Ordway & Richard Hide to be ov^{r}seers thereof In witnes whereof to the last sheete of this my sd last will I have putt my hand & Seale—

Signed Sealed & published the five & twentieth day of August in the yeare first above written in the p$\tilde{n}$ce of

Tho. Ordway
Thomas Cresheld
Richard Hide

(Proved 1 Feb. 1636)

An Inventory of all the goods & chattles of Giles Washbourne of Bengworth in the County of Worcester late deceased taken the 18th day of October 1636—

	£	s	d
Imprimis his app$\tilde{e}$ll	6	13	4
Itm̃ the Hall oñ cubboard twoe table boards 4 stooles twoe chayres 1 boord 1 cloth oñ cubboard cloath	1	4	0
The pewter brasse & linkes & hookes wth other implem^{ts}	2	10	0
In the lodginge chamber one bed one chest one presse one trocklebed three flockbeds three cov̄letts & the rest of the furniture belongyng to the twoe beds & other implem^{ts}	6	0	0
In another lodginge chamber—one bed wth his furniture twoe coffers certayne stockings wth other implem^{ts}	5	0	0
In one little chamber—one bed	0	10	0
In the milkhouse pots panes & milke wth other implem^{ts}	1	0	0
In the kitchen certayne brasse pots pans barrells toules payles pewter wth other implem^{ts} . .	7	0	0
In the loft above the kitchen the implem^{ts} there .	0	10	0

In the loft above the entry—three coffers one chayre certayne cusshions & pillowes & certayne corne .	2	0	0
In the loft ov^{p} the hall—oñ try certayne bages & corne one bushell wth other implemt^{s} . . .	5	0	0
In the loft ov^{p} the lodginge chamber certayne cheests and peeces of pewter & blanketts & other implem^{ts}	9	0	0
In the corte all the wood poules & boards a ceston .	15	0	0
In the out kitchen & in the loft ov^{p} one mault mill one furnice & plowe tymber & carte tymber wth other things	4	16	0
In the back side—cartes plowes harrowes & horsgers	12	0	0
Itm̃ the horses—six	26	0	0
Itm̃ ten kyne	20	0	0
It^{p} three piggs	2	0	0
It^{p} the wheate barley & Poulse.	50	0	0
It^{p} a way of bad maulte.	6	0	0
It^{p} in mony	100	0	0
It^{p} the hay & the hirth of the land . . .	14	0	0
Sum^{a} tot:	£296	11	4

The names of the Prisers hereof—

Tho: Ordway
Richard Ordway
Edward Ordway
Richard Hide

This inventory shows that Giles was at the time of his death a man of fair substance. The religious phraseology of the will, a product of the Puritan times in which he lived, is in marked contrast to some of the earlier wills of the family, already given, in which provision is made for masses for the souls of the departed: reliance on the merits of the Redeemer being substituted for reliance on the prayers of the faithful.

Re Hester, daughter of Giles:—

On May 2nd, 1644, administration was granted to Anne Washborne, Giles' widow, of the estate of her daughter Hester, who had died unmarried. The inventory, taken

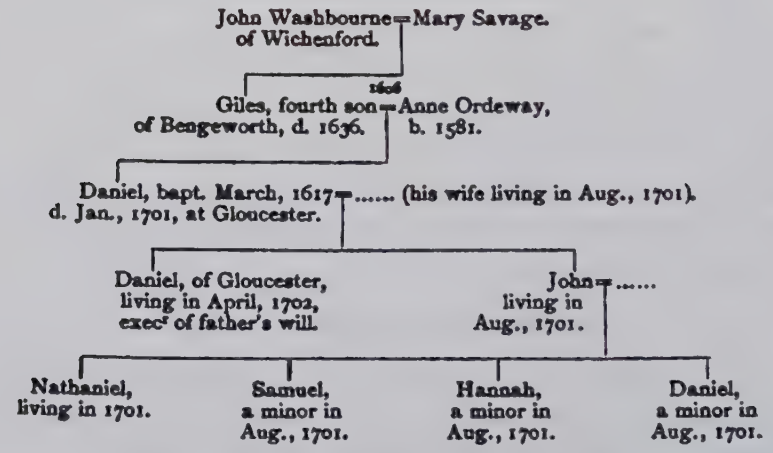
on the same day by Richard Ordway and Raph Robins, both of Evesham, is as follows :—

inprimis her purse chest & wearinge appell of all sorts	v^{li}
It one legacy of the bequeath of Giles Washborne her naturall ffather by his last will to issue & be payable out of the goods & chattells of his executrix as appeareth by the sayd will the some of	xl^{li}
Soma totalis	45^{li} 0 0

THE GLOUCESTER DESCENDANTS OF GILES

Daniel, a younger son of Giles, baptized March 8th, 1617, settled at Gloucester, and was the founder of the family still worthily represented by well-known and respected citizens. He was buried at St. Nicholas', where the headstone was inscribed: "Daniel Washbourn, 19 Jan. 1701–2 aged 83.[1]

The facts stated above, together with particulars given in Daniel's will made August 6th, 1701, show that the descent and the early generations of the Gloucester family were as follow :—


John Washbourne of Wichenford.
Mary Savage.
1606
Giles, fourth son of Bengeworth, d. 1636.
Anne Ordeway, b. 1581.
Daniel, bapt. March, 1617 d. Jan., 1701, at Gloucester.
..... (his wife living in Aug., 1701).
Daniel, of Gloucester, living in April, 1702, exec^{r} of father's will.
John living in Aug., 1701.
.....
Nathaniel, living in 1701.
Samuel, a minor in Aug., 1701.
Hannah, a minor in Aug., 1701.
Daniel, a minor in Aug., 1701.

[1] Fosbrook's *History of Gloucester*, p. 372, and Bigland, p. 187.

The descent of the Gloucester branch from the Wichenford branch being so very clear, it is most unfortunate that Mr. Peach in his *Notes and Records of the Washbourne Family* (1896) makes so many inaccurate and contradictory statements about the parentage of the Daniel, son of Giles by Anne Ordeway. On p. 30 he is given as son of John by his second wife, Eleanor Lygon, but on p. 37 he appears as son of Robert by Agnes Tickeridge (who was not his wife but his daughter-in-law) and brother of the prebendaries Thomas and William (who were his uncles). On p. 38 the former statement that he was son of John by Eleanor Lygon is again given, but on p. 51 he appears again as son of Robert! Equally unfortunate is the statement about Daniel on p. 55: "The defeat of the King at the battle of Worcester and the subsequent forfeiture of the estates of Washbourn and Wichenford drove him to seek his bread at Gloucester, in which city two of his elder brothers, Thomas and William, held prebendal stalls in the Cathedral"—a statement that appears also in the later work, *Genealogical Notes of the Washburn Family*. As a matter of fact his father, Giles, left Wichenford for Bengeworth forty-five years before the Battle of Worcester, and possibly Daniel never set foot in it; and, too, the heavy fine was levied on the Wichenford family previously and not subsequently to the battle. One more error must be pointed out. On p. 51 Mr. Peach says: "Daniel had two sons, Daniel and John. The former died unmarried in his father's lifetime," although on p. 49 he shows that Daniel proved his father's will in 1702.

THE WILL OF DANIEL WASHBOURNE, OF GLOUCESTER (SON OF GILES)

In the Name of God Amen I Daniel Washbourne the Elder of Barton Streete in the County of Glouc[r] Yeoman beinge of perfect Health & sound & well disposinge mind and memory doe make & ordaine this my last will & testament in maner followinge that is to say: First I bequeath my Soule into the hands of Almighty God my Creator hopinge for the pardon and remishon of al my Sinns Thro' the alone merritts and sattisfaction of my only Saviour & Redemer Jesus Christ and my Body I comitt to the earth to be Decently Interd at the discreshon of my Executors hereinafter menchoned and as for my worldly Estate which it hath pleased the Lord to Bless me with all I dispose thereof as followeth—

Imps. I give and devise unto my lovinge Wief all those my three Messuages or Tenements with the appurtenances sittuat Lyinge and beinge in Barton Streete & now in the severall tenurs or occupation of Daniel Bayly, Taylor, William Eliotts Taylor, and Richard Winiatt, together with a little Shopp in the posseshon of my Sonn John Washbourn & ajoyninge to the sd. tenemt. in the posseshon of the sd. Daniel Bayley To have and to hold the sd. three Messuages or tenemts. or premises with the appurtenances unto her my sd. Wief for & duringe the terme of her naturall lief; and from & after her decese then as for touchinge & concerning the sd. Messuage or tenent with the apptenances in the poseshon of the sd. William Eliotts I give and devise the same unto my Grandson Samuel Washbourn sonn of my said Sonn John Washbourn and his heirs & asignes for ever; and as for touchinge and concerninge the said Messuage or tenemt. now in the posseshon of the sd. Richard Winiatt I give & devise the same to my Grandaughter Hannah Washbourn one of the daughters of my Sonn John Washbourn & to her heirs & asignes for ever and as for touchinge & concerninge the said Messuage or tenemt. now in the poseshon of Daniel Baylee & the sd. Shop now in the poseshon of my sonn John Washbourn togeather with a little garden on the East Side of the Tennemt. in the posseshon of the said Richard Winiatt, and as the same is now paled in which Garden is now in the posseshon of my Sonn

John I give & bequeath unto my Grandson Daniel Washbourn another of the sonns of my sd. sonn John Washbourn & to his heirs & assignes for ever never the lese my will & meaninge is & I doe hearby declare that my sd. Sonn John Washbourne shall hould & injoy the sd. three Tenemts. with the appurtenances & Receive the rents ishues & proffitts thereof to his owne use untill my sd. three Grand Children shall attain to their respective ages of one & Twenty yeares towards their maintenance and breedinge up and my farther will and meaninge is that if any or either of my three Grand children shall dye before he shee or they shall accomplesh their said respective ages one and twenty years then the share of him her or them soe dyinge shall be and remaine and I doe hearby give the same unto my Grandson Nathaniel Washbourn another of the sonns of my sd. sonn John Washbourn and to his heirs and assigns for ever. ITEM I give and devise unto my sd. lovinge Wief All That my mesuage or Tenemt. with the appurtenances scituat lieinge and beinge in Minsterworth in the sd. County of Gloucester Together with all Lands thereunto belongin which sd. lands & premises I hold by leasse from William Cooke Esqre. for Ninty & nine years determeable upon lives To have and to hold the sd. messuage & Tenemt. & premises with the appurtenances unto her my sd. Wief & her assignes for so many years of the sd. terme as shee shall live & from & after her decese Then I give and devise the same unto my sonn Daniel Washbourn & to my sonn John Washbourn their executor administr. & assignes for the then residue of ye sd. terme eaqualy to be divided betwixt them share & share alike. ITEM I further give & bequeath unto my sd. Wief all the arears of rent that shall be due at the time of my decease for the sd. Estate at Minstersworth & I alsoo give unto her all my houshold goods except what is fixed to the freehold ITM I give & devise unto my sd. sonn Daniel Washbourn & his heirs & assignes for ever all that part of a Close of pasture ground beinge formerly divided with Railes & postes unto two lyinge & beinge on the South west side of a Garden called Heales Garden which extendeth itself westward to a Close of pasture ground now in the posseshon of Mr. Henry Knowles & eastward to a garden or backside now in the posseshon of John Ward with all & singular the appurtenances thereunto belongin which sd. part containes about two acares & a qrter be it more or less. ITEM I further give unto my sd. sonn Daniel Washbourn all that my piece or parsel of pasture Ground lyinge on the East

side of the sd. Heales Garden & beinge latly parted with post & Railes from the sd. Pasture ground before given to him & reachinge to the Kings highway on the North which sd. pece or parsel of ground I hold by Lease from the Maior & Burgeses of the sd. Citty of Gloucester to have & to hold the sd. last piece or parsel of ground unto him my sd. sonn Daniel Washbourne his executors administes. & assignes from & duringe the terme & Estate I have therein. It. I give & devise unto my sd. lovinge Wief all that my messuage or Tenement with the appurtenances situat lyinge & beinge in Barton Streete aforesd. commonly caled Whithall beinge now divided into two & being in the posseshon of Richard Sparkes & Thomas Thomas which sd. messuage or Tenemt. I hold by Lease from Thomas Parry Gent: deceased to have and to hold the sd. messuage or Tenement with the apurtenents unto her my sd Wief & her assignes for soe many years of the terme I have therein as shee shall live, and from & after her decease Then I give & devise the same unto my sd. sonn Daniel Washbourn his executors administr. & assignes for & duringe the resiedue of the sd. terme & Estate I have therin, subject nevertheless to this provisoe that he my sd. sonne Daniel his executors or assignes shall & will yearly & every yeare after his Estate in this premises shall beginn & duringe the then residue of the sd. term pay unto my sd. sonn John Washbourn or his assignes the sum of Five pounds stearlinge to be Ishunge & goinge out of the sd. House or otherwise in lew thereof to Tye the sd. Tenents or Occupiors of the sd. Messuage & premises to take & buy of him the sd. John Washbourne the one half of all the malt that shall be from time to time used spent & Brewed in the sd. house duringe the sd. terme or use the best endever he can therunto. It. I doe further give & bequeath unto my sd. sonn John Washbourn & his heirs & assignes for ever all such part & soe much of the Orchard Liginege on the west side of the house I now live in which is not made over in Joynture upon his Wief to have & to hold the sd. part & share of the sd. Orchard unto him my sd. sonn John Washbourn his heirs & assignes for ever Item I doe forgive my two sonns Daniell and John Washbourne all such moneys which shall be due from them or otherwise of them either by Bond Bills or otherwise at the time of my decese. Lastly all the rest & residue of my Goods Chattles & personall Estate whattsoever not by me hereinbefore or otherwise disposed of I give & bequeath unto my sd. Lovinge wief and two sonns

Daniel & John Washbourne whom I make the joynte Executors of this my LAST WILL IN WITTNESS whearoof I the sd. Daniel Washbourn have to this my WILL (consistinge of one sheete of paper) sett my hand & seal the sixth day of August Anno Dm. 1701.

The mark of DAN: WASHBOURN Signed & delivered in the presents of us

RICHARD SPARKES
JOHN WILSHIRE
The mark × of MARGRETT DAVIS

Proved 20th April 1702 by Daniel Washbourn one of the Executors.

Joseph and *Samuel*, the other sons of Giles, cannot be traced like their brother Daniel of Gloucester. As already stated, there are no entries at Bengeworth between 1622 and 1652; there are only six folios of entries badly made for the period 1652–72, containing, we believe, only one mention of the family. After that time up till 1690, the last year searched, there are several now to be given. It will be clear that, owing to this silence of fifty years, it cannot be positively stated that these later Bengeworth Washbournes were descendants of Giles and his sons, Joseph and Samuel. They may have been, and probably were, of the family of Giles of Wichenford, who was not of Bengeworth descent but settled there in 1606. But, on the other hand, they may have been descendants of either (1) William, of Bengeworth, the younger brother of John who went to America, or (2) of William, who settled at Bretforton, and was son of John and Emme, of Bengeworth. (See pedigrees on pp. 56, 57.)

1668	Apr. 1.	Anne Washborne, widdow. Bur.
1677	Feb. 10.	Jane, dau. of Joseph Washborne. Bapt.
1681	Apr. 10.	Giles ye son of Joseph Washborne & Martha his wife. Bapt.
1682	Nov. 18.	John son of Joseph Washborne. Bur.
1683	Nov. 24.	Jane dau. of Joseph Washborne. Bur.

1684 Oct. 19. John son of Joseph Washborne & Martha his wife. Bapt.
1686 Nov. 1. Joseph Washborne. Bur.
1687 Transcript. Jan. 18. Martha wife of Joseph Washborne. Bur.
1688 Oct. 21. Joseph Washborne and Ma(r)tha Garner. Mar.
1689 Oct. 13. Jane dau. of Joseph & Martha Washborne. Bapt.
1690 Mch. 22. Joane dau. of Joseph & Martha Washborne. Bapt.

The same remark as to the impossibility of exact identification applies to the following Washbournes :—

Marriage licences granted at Worcester :—

Aug. 29. 1668 to Robert Washborne bach. & Sarah Lett both of Pershore.

Jan. 29. 1708 to John Washbourn wid. & Mary Jew, both of Pershore.

Marriages at All Saints', Evesham :—

Oct. 2. 1726. Giles Washbourn of Bengeworth & Alice Smith of All Saints'.
July 21. 1746. Richard Washborne & Eleanor Boulton, both of S. Laurence, Evesham.
Aug. 2. 1747. William Washborne & Elizabeth Warner, both of Bengeworth.

Marriages at Alston :—

Dec. 27. 1765. Thomas Washborn & Eleanor Tyler, mar.
Nov. 8. 1797. Thomas Gelder & Betty Washburne, mar.

Baptisms at Little Washbourne :—

May 13. 1798. William son of John & Sarah Washbourne
May 25. 1800. Mary d. of John & Sarah Washbourne.

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5. William, fifth son of John (12). Very little is known about him. He was buried at the age of seventy-nine at Holt, which adjoins Wichenford, and therefore was born about 1588; and in the 1634 *Visitation* he is mentioned as marrying "... relict of ... Price of Aberbechan in

Com. Mongomery," which place is in the parish of Llanllwchaiarn near Newtown. He was sheriff of co. Montgomery in 1631, and it would seem that his marriage with Mrs. Price was the only thing that qualified him for that office, as apparently he had no property in the county. The inscription on his stone, now at the foot of the altar steps in Holt Church, is very clear :—

Hic jacet sub spe
Gloriosae resurrectionis
Guil: Washbourne Armig:
Obiit 8 die Novemb:
Ano Dom. 1667
Aetat. suae 79

The thought occurs whether his wife was possibly the widow of the Sir John Price of Aberbechan who was Sheriff of Montgomeryshire[1] in 1622 and died during his year of office. If so, his burial at Holt may be accounted for by the fact that she was Mary,[1] daughter of Sir Henry Bromley, of Shrawardine, Salop, son of Sir Thomas Bromley, Lord Chancellor, whose family was seated at Holt at this time. (A sister of Sir Henry, Muriel, married John Littleton,[2] of Frankley.) If this surmise is incorrect, the reason of his burial at Holt is not apparent, unless, indeed, he lived there. He may of course have been on a visit there, either to the Bromleys or to the rector, John Washbourne. On the other hand, he may have been taken across from Wichenford, whence the young children

[1] Lloyd's *Sheriffs of Montgomeryshire*, pp. 469, 470.
Letters of Administration were granted to her Jan. 13, 1622-3, as "Lady Marie, relict."

[2] The Holt Register contains the following entries :—
"1595. Jone d. of John Littleton bur.
1654. Shusana, w. of Edw. Littleton, who died at Ombersley, bur. Ap. 4th.
1654. A servant to Mr. Charles Littleton buried
1668. Isaable Littleton, married by lic. to Mr. Stephen Richardson."
At Shrawley, October 2nd, 1677, Mr. Adam Littleton and Mrs. Katherine Cave were married.
At Witley, a Humphrey Littleton had two infants baptized and buried in 1610 and 1611.

of whom he was made guardian in 1653 had migrated to Pytchley, not caring to be indebted for burial rites to the incumbent, Joseph Malden, who seems[1] to have married their mother.

In Lloyd's *Sheriffs of Montgomeryshire* (p. 497) it is stated that he was probably of the Wichenford family and "not improbably" a son of William Washbourne by Lettice Littleton, and his arms are given as "Arg. on a fess between 6 martlets gules three quatrefoils of the field." He was not a son but an uncle of William the husband of Lettice Littleton.

The arms on the Holt stone are too worn to be decipherable, but they were "Washborn emp. Bromley," according to the Prattinton MS., which adds, "arms partly hidden by Rector's seat Sept. 21. 1814."

Side by side with this stone is another to the memory of John Washbourne, rector of Holt. The Washbourne arms, impaling a chevron between three escallops, are in a capital state of preservation; so, too, the following inscription :—

Non Vitae Integritas, nec Probitas Morum,
Non Charitas erga Pauperes, nec erga Deum
Pietas, Johannem Washborne (Artium Mag^m^
Et huius Ecclesiae Rectorem dilectissimum)
A communi Hominum forte liberare potuerunt,
Quin, cum Animam Creatori suo resignaverat
Quod reliquum sub hoc Saxo deponi curaverit
In spem beatae Resurrectionis et futurae Gloriae
Charissima eius Coniux Maria.
Obijt Vndecimo die Augusti } Anno { Aetatis 48 / Salutis 1689.

The 1689 has been altered into 1679, which is proved to be the correct date both by the entry of his burial on August 13th in the Holt Register and the entry in the Episcopal Register at Worcester of the institution of his successor on August 15th, 1679. Nash in error gives 1689.

This John, presented to the living by Henry Bromley,

[1] Cf. pp. 145–148.

was rector of Holt 1663–79, and married there, January 2nd, 1665–6, "Mrs. Mary Smith," who survived him. Beyond his signatures there is no entry of the name Washbourne except that of his marriage and the burial in 1667 of William mentioned above. He would be born in 1631, and was educated at Christ Church, Oxford. Between 1647 and 1649 no record of matriculations seems to have been kept at Oxford, but the Dean of Christ Church writes that he finds the entry as an Under Commoner, September 15th, 1648, of a Washbourne whose Christian name is not given: a fact which agrees with the entry in Al. Ox.:—

Washbourne John, B.A. from Christ Church 20 Oct. 1652 M.A. from Oriel Coll 4 July 1655.

A very interesting glimpse of him is obtained from the register of the visitors of the University of Oxford, where, under "The Answeres of the Students of Christ Church College" occurs in 1648 the spirited reply of

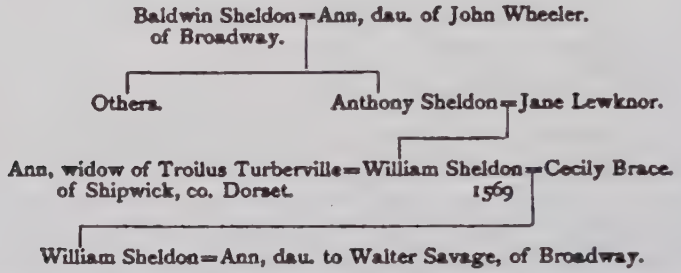
Jo. Washbourne: I beinge a Commoner havinge noe allowance from this or any other Colledge but beinge at my own dispose think myselfe not any way to be concerned in this Visitation.

The question arises whether this John, rector of Holt, who was born in or about 1631, was son of the William buried there at a ripe old age during his incumbency. Everything points to the probability of it, and the writer ventures to put him, in the pedigree with a query attached, as a son, and so first cousin of the William who married Lettice Littleton in 1615. Possibly he was born at Aberbechan, but the earliest register at Llanllwchaiarn dates from 1658 only.

If at any time the wills of William and John, of Holt, not forthcoming either at Somerset House or Worcester, are found, the suggestion that William was father of John may perhaps be definitely proved or disproved.

Daughters of John (12) by Mary Savage

1. Ann, eldest daughter, appears as Anne Sheldon in her father's will made February 24th, 9 Ch. I, but in the 1634 *Visitation of Worcestershire* she is given as the wife of Troilus Turberville. As the latter was her former husband, the date of her second marriage was, at the latest, 9 Ch. I.



Miscellaneous Antiq. of Worcestershire, cxlv., in possession of the Society of Antiquaries.

2. Mary was twice married; firstly to William Kingston, secondly to Sherington Talbot.

The first marriage took place at Wichenford, February 5th, 1599.

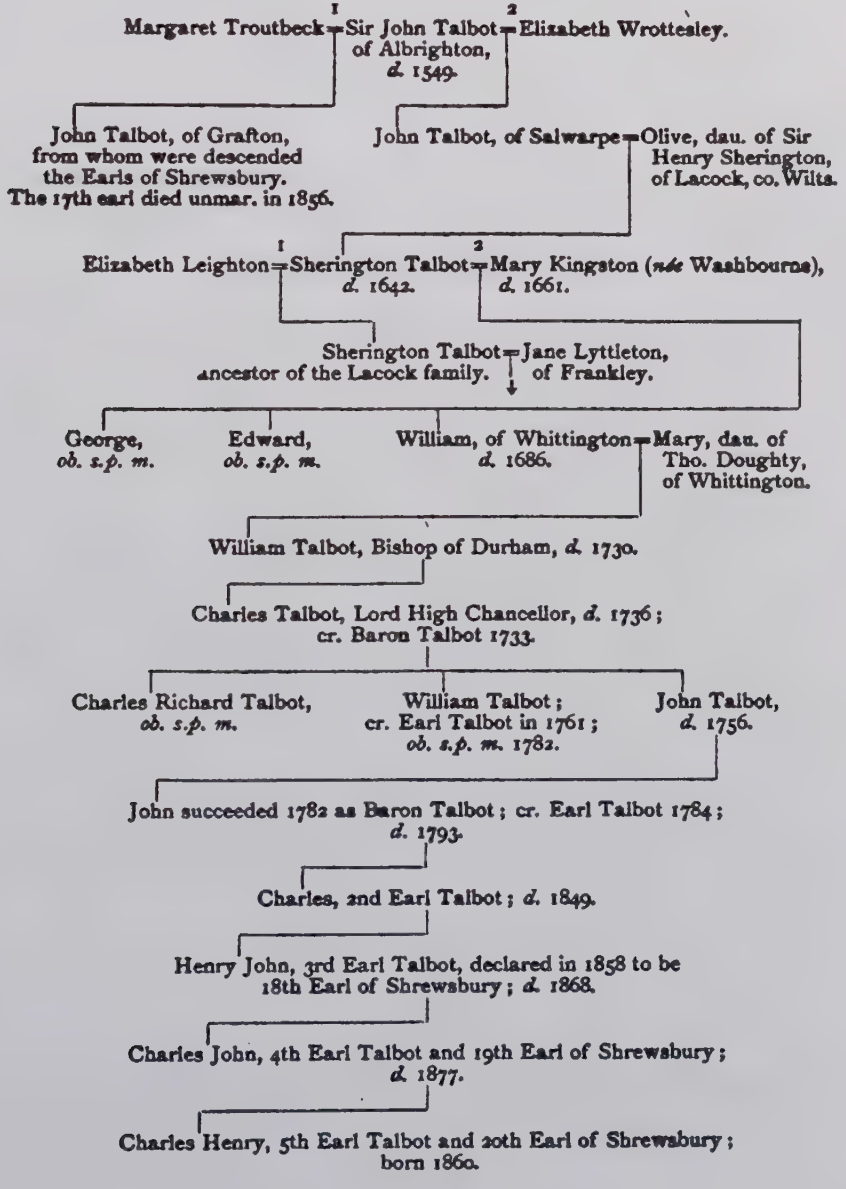
In the Sandys chapel of the church of Miserdine, a village between Gloucester and Cirencester, and formerly within the altar rails, is a tomb thus described by Bigland: "on an altar tomb a cumbent figure in armour with a goat at the feet." The arms given are "Azure a Cross Or between 4 leopards Faces Argent." The inscription :—

Here lyeth the Body of William Kingston of Miserden[1] Esqvier, sonne and heire to Anthony Kingston, Esqvier, who married Mary, daughter to John Washborne of Wickenford in the covnty of Worcester, Esqvier, the which William Kingston was faithful to his Prince and loving to his countrey being high sheriff of this covnty, departed this life, the 12 day of December anno domini 1614 aetatis 39.

By her second marriage with Sherington Talbot, of

[1] "The manor and park of Miserden were granted to Sir Anthony Kingston 38 Hen. VIII., in whose family they continued down to William Kingston, Esq., who was lord of the manor in the year 1608." (Rudder.)

Salwarpe and Lacock, she was mother of William Talbot, of Whittington Hall and Stourton Castle, in Staffordshire, and ancestress of the present Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, as the following, gathered mainly from the Shrewsbury Peerage Claim Report and in part from Grazebrook, makes clear :—


1
Margaret Troutbeck
Sir John Talbot of Albrighton, d. 1549.
2
Elizabeth Wrottesley.
John Talbot, of Grafton, from whom were descended the Earls of Shrewsbury. The 17th earl died unmar. in 1856.
John Talbot, of Salwarpe
Olive, dau. of Sir Henry Sherington, of Lacock, co. Wilts.
1
Elizabeth Leighton
Sherington Talbot d. 1642.
2
Mary Kingston (née Washbourne), d. 1661.
Sherington Talbot ancestor of the Lacock family.
Jane Lyttleton, of Frankley.
George, ob. s.p. m.
Edward, ob. s.p. m.
William, of Whittington d. 1686.
Mary, dau. of Tho. Doughty, of Whittington.
William Talbot, Bishop of Durham, d. 1730.
Charles Talbot, Lord High Chancellor, d. 1736; cr. Baron Talbot 1733.
Charles Richard Talbot, ob. s.p. m.
William Talbot; cr. Earl Talbot in 1761; ob. s.p. m. 1782.
John Talbot, d. 1756.
John succeeded 1782 as Baron Talbot; cr. Earl Talbot 1784; d. 1793.
Charles, 2nd Earl Talbot; d. 1849.
Henry John, 3rd Earl Talbot, declared in 1858 to be 18th Earl of Shrewsbury; d. 1868.
Charles John, 4th Earl Talbot and 19th Earl of Shrewsbury; d. 1877.
Charles Henry, 5th Earl Talbot and 20th Earl of Shrewsbury; born 1860.

Mary was buried at Kinver, near Stourbridge, where there is a flat stone close to the organ inscribed thus :—

Mary Talbot widow, deceas'd March
30th 1661
I am perswaded yt neither death nor life
nor Angells nor principalitys pow-
ers nor things present nor things to
come nor height nor depth, nor any oth-
er creature shall be able to separate me
from ye love of God wch is in Christ Je-
sus our Lord.

And on a monument on the wall over the south door is the following inscription to her son William, who died 1686, written by his son, the Bishop of Durham :—

Prope hunc locum depositae sunt Reliquiae
WILLHELMI TALBOT Armigeri
De WHITTINGTON HALL primo deinceps de STOURTON-CASTLE
Qui Pietate erga Deum et publicâ et privatâ spectatus
Ex praeceptis et disciplina Ecclesiae Anglicanae
Suam ipse vitam perpetuo egit
Interim aliter sententium patientissimus
Omnium sibi animos ad Benevolentiam facile conciliavit
In quotidiana vita consuetidine
Inter Familiares jucunda in eo morum sermonumqu facilitas
Erga Amicos, sedulitas officiorum indefessa
In pecuniâ Pauperibus erogandâ
Munificentia, pro re suâ familiari, singularis
Semper elucebat
Pacis porrò unicè Studiosus
Litium ínter vicinos componendarum diligentissimus
Omnium omnis necessitudinis officiorum observantissimus
Uxori, Filiis, Servis, Vicinis dilectissimus
Cunctis dum viverat Amicus
Inimicus nemini
Ingens sui omnibus
Quibuscum ulla sibi unquam intercesserat consuetudo
Desiderium moriens reliquit
Obijt 27mo die MARTIJ
Anno 1686

In Memoriam Optimi Parentis
Pio Affectu posuit
WILHELMUS
Episcopus DUNELMENSIS
Anno 1724

3. ELIZABETH married to Richard Lyght.

4. KATHARINE was married at Wichenford in September, 1613, to Thomas Doughty, and had a daughter, Elinor, baptized there in the following year, as the transcripts show. The said Elinor received a legacy of £40 from her grandfather; but who the "godsonne John Doughty" mentioned in his will was is not clear.

It is possible that the Mary, daughter of Thomas Doughty, who married William Talbot, of Whittington, was another daughter of Katharine, and if so she was first cousin to her husband; but unfortunately the transcripts for the next few years after 1614 are not continuous and in parts are decayed and indecipherable.

There was a family of substance of the name of Doughty in the neighbourhood about this time. Thomas of Suckley, gent., was fined for not taking knighthood at the Coronation of Charles I. William 'Dowty' of Horsham in Martley and Thomas 'Dowty' disclaimed at the Visitation of 1634. The Registers of Knightwick and Doddenham contain many entries of the name: so too the Martley ones.

5. FRANCES was unmarried in 1634 when she received 300 marks under her father's will: and so too in 1642, Sherington Talbot, in his will dated December 2nd, 1642, speaking of "my sister-in-law Frances Washbourne."

FAMILY OF JOHN (12) BY HIS SECOND WIFE, ELEANOR LYGON:—

1. THOMAS eldest son, born 1607,

"entered Balliol College, Oxford, as a commoner in 1622, and graduated B.A. on 13 Feb., 1625-6, M.A. on 25 June, 1628, and B.D. on 1 April, 1636. In 1639 he was made Rector of Lodding-

ton, Northamptonshire, and in 1640 of Dumbleton, Gloucestershire. In 1643 he was nominated to a prebend in Gloucestershire Cathedral, and is said to have been installed in the night owing to the civil war. He does not seem to have been ejected from his living during the Commonwealth (Walker,[1] *Sufferings*, ii. 33), but at the Restoration he was formally presented to his prebend on 23 July, 1660, and admitted 7 Aug.; nine days later he was created D.D. at Oxford. From 1660 to 1668 he was vicar of St. Mary's, Gloucester. He died there on 6 May, 1687, and was buried in the cathedral. By his wife, a daughter of Dr. Samuel Fell [q.v.], he had a large family. Washbourne published two sermons, and *Divine Poems*, London, 1654, 8vo. Prefixed to the latter are *Verses to his Friend Thomas Washbourne*, by Edward Phillips [q.v.] Milton's nephew. Specimens from Washbourne's poems are printed in Brydges's *British Bibliographer* (iv. 45), and the whole work was edited with a biographical introduction by Dr. A. B. Grosart in the 'Fuller Worthies Library' 1868." (*Dict. of Nat. Biog.*)

Magna Britannia speaks of Wichenford as a village "of no note but for being the Birthplace of Thomas de Washborne, son of John de Washborn Esq., who was reckoned a tolerable Poet," and adds that Thomas "had a Prebend in the Cathedral Church of Glocester, but the Times were so confused and tumultuous that he could not get himself installed, viz. in 1643. He suffered much for the Royal Cause but lived to K. Charles II's Restoration, when he commenced Doctor of Divinity, was installed into his Prebend, and made Minister of Dumbleton in Glocestershire."

This statement that he obtained Dumbleton in 1660 is incorrect; he was appointed in the July of 1641 (not 1640 as stated in the *Dict. of Nat. Biog.*), and held it till his death in 1687, when Charles Cocks succeeded him. And the dates as to the living of St. Mary's Gloucester, should be not 1660–8, but 1667–70. He was instituted Feb-

[1] "He was Collated to this Prebend after the Breaking out of the Rebellion, but the Confusions permitted him not to be Installed till the Restoration, when he was also created D.D. and made Rector of Dumbleton in Gloucestershire."

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ruary 15th, 1667, and John Deighton succeeded him December, 1670.

There is an interesting account in Willis' *Cathedrals*, under Prebendaries of Gloucester, of his difficulties as to his prebend :—

Gilbert Osborne. As he was in these very hard Times suffered to keep this his Rectory of Withington, so I presume to ingratiate himself he might An. 1643 fling up this Stall to gain afterwards Institution to Withington : otherwise I cannot account for or reconcile his Successor's being, as 'tis exprest on his Epitaph, Prebendary 44 years : (unless he first had the second Stall given him and quitted it for want of regular Possession) who was Thomas Washborne.

Thomas Washborne A.M. who, 'tis plain as the Patents express it, was presented July 23 1660 to a Prebend in this Church vacant by the Death of Gilbert Osborne : so I conceive he might be nominated to it on Osborne's Cession, An. 1643 as aforesaid and be kept out of Possession till 1660 which is very likely : here being a Tradition that when he first obtain'd a Grant of this Prebend from King Charles 1st he was forced to be installed into it in the Night, and not let it be known he had been at Gloucester ; which looks as if there had been some private Treaty between him and Osborne and that to prevent all Dispute of his Title, he took out a new one at the Restauration and became regularly installed.

It is clear that he managed, in spite of his allegiance to the Royal Cause, to keep his benefice at Dumbleton throughout the troublous times, although at one time he had grave doubts as to his right to do so. Dr. Grosart (in his Introduction to the poems mentioned above) gives a letter which he wrote January 7th [1650] to Sanderson, rector of Boothby Pagnell, Lincolnshire, afterwards Bishop of Lincoln, asking for advice, in which he says :

I am now required to subscribe the New Engagement, the penalty of refusing may prove the loss of my Church Living which is the main subsistence of my family, a wife and five or six small children. But I thank God I have learned not to put the

world in the one scale, when my soul is in the other: or if I weigh them in the same balance, I know which should preponderate. As therefore I would not be flattered into a conceit that I may safely, without making shipwreck of a good conscience, take the Engagement which many do who are more learned and would be thought as conscientious as the best, so would I not precipitately ruin myself in my temporal Estate by an over-preciseness in refusing what is not repugnant to the Rule of Faith. . . . Give me leave then to propose the most common Arguments urged for the subscription, and the solution of them I assure myself you will easily and speedily return me by this bearer." . . . "Had my wife's father Dr. Fell, late Dean of Christ Church and your friend, been now alive, I should have made him my pilot in this storm. But since God has taken him away, I desire you would supply the place of a father in your counsel.

Dr. Grosart does not give Sanderson's reply, which apparently calmed Washbourne's qualms of conscience, but refers his readers to Jacobson's edition of the works of Sanderson published 1854.

Though he held Dumbleton for the long period of forty-six years, the transcripts of the register now lost seem to contain no entries of his name. The Inquisition taken June 18th, 1650, for the Parliamentary Survey records: "Wee finde that Dumbleton is a Parsonage presentative worth one hundred & fortye pounds per annum. Thomas Washbourne Minister and Parson thereof is a preaching Minister": an entry which shows that he was then resident there.

He died May 6th, 1687, intestate, and Letters of Administration were granted to his widow Dorothy on July 29th, 1687, at Doctors' Commons. He was buried near his younger brother William in the Lady Chapel of Gloucester Cathedral on May 9th. On the north wall there is a tablet to his memory, with a shield at the top bearing the Washbourne arms impaling Fell, viz. Argent, on two bars, sable, three crosses pattée fitchée or (Nash quoted in Grazebrook). The inscription :—

Charissimis (necnon fraternis) immiscet cineres
(Eheu)
Theologus verè Christianus vere Primitivus
Thomas Washbourne S.T.P. Eccl: Cath: Glouc:
Per annos 44 Praebendarius
Suum hoc humili titulo inscribens monumentum
Primus peccatorum minimus Ministrorum Dei
Plenus dierum, Liberorum, curarum,
Non ita (semper enim calcavit) divitiarum,
Anno Salutis 1687 Aetatis 80
Spiritum in manus Creatoris tradidit
Gloriosam in Christo expectans resurrectionem

About four feet from the wall there is a flat stone inscribed "T.W." with arms as on tablet. The statement in Mr. Peach's book (p. 37) that he died unmarried is wrong, and the translation of "plenus dierum, Liberorum, curarum" by "full of days free from care" (p. 119), is very unfortunate in the face of the difficulties he had with regard to his prebend and to retaining Dumbleton. His wife was Dorothy, daughter of Samuel Fell,[1] D.D., Dean of Christ Church and sister of John Fell, Bishop of Oxford; she was born at Freshwater January 22nd, 1618, being one of the elder of thirteen children: her brother was born in 1625 and died 1686. The present Dean (Dr. Strong) kindly supplies the dates of three of their children baptized at Christ Church: Samuel, January 5th, 1640; Thomas, January 21st, 1642; John, December 28th, 1643.

[1] Speaking of Hall Court in Much Marcle, Duncomb says: "One of the owners of this estate was Samuel Fell, D.D., the loyal Dean of Ch. Ch., Oxford. Born in London, educated at Westminster, he was admitted a student of Ch. Ch. in 1601 and appointed to a Canonry of that Cathedral in 1619. In 1626 he was elected the Lady Margaret's Professor of Divinity in that University, to which dignity a Prebendal Stall at Worcester was attached. He became Dean in 1638, and being Vice-Chancellor in 1647 he disregarded the orders of the Parliamentary Visitors, who thereupon ejected him from his preferments. He died on the 1st of Feb., 1649, from the effects of a shock he experienced on hearing of the King's execution. He had married in 1624 Margaret, daughter of Thomas Wylde, M.P. for Worcester, and left at his decease a son and two daughters." (*History of Herefordshire.*) Duncomb's date for this marriage, 1624, is too late, as the eldest child of the marriage was born in Whitsun week 1617.

Another son was Charles, born about 1649, recorded thus in Al. Ox.: "Washbourne, Charles s. Thomas of Dumbleton co. Gloucester S.T.D. Christ Church matric. 12 July 1667 aged 18 B.A. 1671 M.A. 1674 Vicar of Long Preston Yorks 1677 until his death in 1703." He is mentioned in the will of his uncle William given below. Apparently the bride mentioned in the following marriage licence from the registry of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Vicar-General was a daughter of Thomas: "July 2. 1668. John Hemming of S^{t}. Martin in Fields, citizen and apothecary bach^{r} ab^{t} 30 & Mrs. Dorothy Washburne of same sp. ab^{t} 18—consent of father D^{r}. Washburne D^{r}. of Divinity—at S. Martin's aforesaid." She would be born about 1650, and so the "five or six" children spoken of in the letter to Sanderson are nearly, if not quite, accounted for. There is extant a letter dated April 8th, 1761, written to Mrs. Soame (p. 167) by a William Roseingrave, who describes himself as Second Secretary to the Lord Justices of Ireland, in which he says: "My grandmother's name was Washbourne, whose Father was Sub-dean of Glocester and Prebendary thereof as also Rector of Dumbleton." Possibly this gentleman's grandmother was the Dorothy who married John Hemming in 1668.

The two published sermons of Thomas Washbourne were (1) "Sermon at the Funeral of Charles Cocks, Esq., one of the Masters in Chancery, on Psalm cx. 9, 10" (London, 1655), and (2) "The Repairer of the Breach Preached in the Cathedral of Gloucester May 29th, 1661, being the Anniversary of His Majesty's Birthday and Happy Entrance into his Imperial City of London, on Isaiah lviii. 12." (London, 1661).

He was one of the opponents of Herbert Croft, who joined the Jesuits, was reconciled to the Church of England by Dr. Thos. Morton, and "upon the desire of Dr. Laud [he] went to Oxford, was admitted into

Ch. Ch., and as a member thereof matriculated in the university."

2. WILLIAM, born about 1616, matriculated at Balliol College, Oxford, June 15th, 1632, aged fifteen. He graduated B.A. April 22nd, 1634, and M.A. July 2nd, 1639, having become, February 15th, 1637–8, a student of Gray's Inn. In 1636 he was elected Fellow of Oriel, and in May, 1648, gave the following answer to the Parliamentary Visitors: "Were I sufficiently perswaded that I might submitt to this Visitation salva conscientia I should readily obay it: but not beinge satisfied herein I cannot at present give any fuller Answere." His name appears among those who were expelled, but he was one of those "who afterwards made their Peace with the Visitors and returned to their Fellowships some sooner some later." (Walker's *Sufferings*, ii. 132.) Wood, speaking of him and others, says, "Though they did not directly submit yet the greater part of them kept their places by the same means that others did." (*Annals.*)

In 1656 he became vicar of St. Mary's, Oxford (Al. Ox.), and in 1669 he joined his elder brother Thomas as Prebendary of Gloucester, where he was buried December 1st, 1675, dying unmarried. The tablet to him, alongside of that to his brother, has the family arms above it with a mullet, and is thus inscribed:—

Sacrum Memoriae
Viri admodum Reverendi
Guilielmi Washbourn Art. M:
Eccl: Cath: Glouc: dignissimi Prebendarii
Coll: Orielensis Oxõn Socii et Ornamenti:
Qui, post Vitam Summa cum animi
Erga
Deum pietate, Ecclesiam Anglicanam
Fidemq Catholicam Constantia,
Amicos Fidelitate,
Egenos minime mendicantes charitate,

Omnes Candore, transactam,
Precibus magis quam morbis Laborans
Genibus flexis deo Spiritum Emisit
Novemb. 28 Anno { Aetatis 60
Salutis 1675.

William's will, written out by himself in a firm legible hand only two days before his death, is now at the Bodleian Library, Oxford, and is in the form of a letter which he left folded up and inscribed "ffor my brother Dr. Washbourne":—

Good Brother,

To avoid giving either myself or you the charge or trouble of a formal will, I have thought fit to leave these few memorandums behind me which I desire you exactly to performe soon after my decease.

1. You will find two sealed papers lying in a knit purse which is in a Chest of Drawers standing against the portal of my Chamber in Oriel, the one superscribed for Mr. Pledal, the other for his Lady which I desire you to present to them as they are now sealed.

2. I desire you to give to Mr. Robert Pledal, Junior, his sisters & Mrs. Gardiner each of them a Ring.

3. I desire you to give to my worthy friend our Dean of Gloc: a Ring; & the like to each particular Prebend.

4. I desire you to give to my good friend Mr. James Davenant a Ring, but with Secrecy.

5. I desire you to give to Mr. Richard Davis Bookseller & his wife, to his son-in-law Mr. Cox & his wife each a Ring.

6. I desire you to give to the poor of the parish of St. Mary de Load in Glocester fifty shillings & the like sum̃e to St. Katherine's Parish to be distributed chiefly amongst the poor house Keepers.

7. I desire you to give to the widow West my bedmaker in Oxon forty shillings & forgive her forty shillings more which I lent her last April, & give to her Daughter Mary ten shillings.

8. I desire you to give to Timothy Gabil three pounds, if you can well spare no more.

9. I desire you to give to Katherine Millington for her great Care and diligence about me, five pounds. To Anne Vernon

twenty shillings: to Margaret ten shillings: to John Painter ten shillings & to Jesse five shillings.

10. I desire you to give to the Library of our Cathedral these books following: Epiphanius his works 2 vol: Dr. Jacksons in 3 vol: Mr. Meads works 2 vol. if they be not there already, then some other in its place. D. Loggars Cutts of the University.

11. I desire you to give to my sister two broad pieces of Gold cõmonly called Jacobus's, with all my Rings & my Pomander box with blew linings of silk.

12. I desire you to give to my nephew Samuel Washbourne two broad peices of the same kind above mentiond.

Memõ. The eight corded boxes which you will find at my beds feet containe the books which my Cosen Richard[1] Washbourne bequeathd to my nephew Charles, a Catalogue whereof you will find in my Study, & they are all which belongs to him except a box of musick books which you will find likewise in my study.

Dear Brother, these are the last requests I have to make to you, & shall adde one more to our Gracious God that he would in his good time grant us a glorious meeting in the Kingdom of heaven which shall be the constant prayer whilst the perishing breath lasts of your Dying yet affectionate Brother,

William Washbourne.

Novem^{br} 26th
An. Dom. 1675

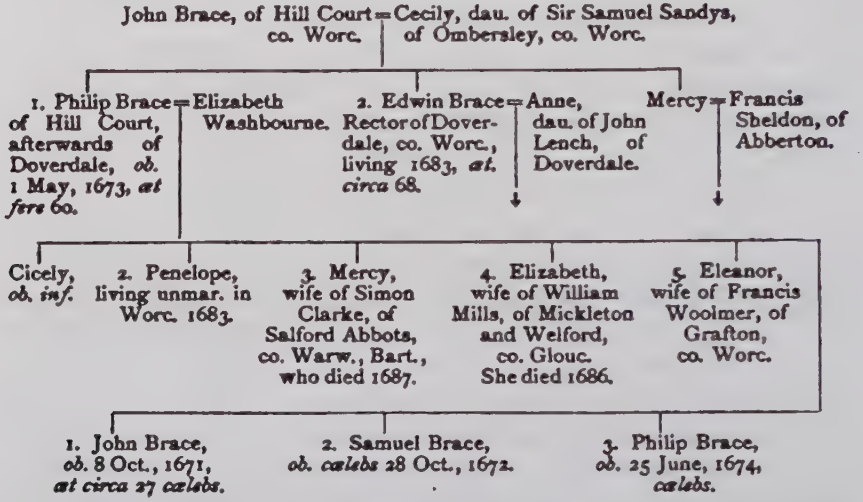
[1] RICHARD WASHBOURNE

William Washbourne, Fellow of Oriel, speaks in his will of "my cosen" Richard, and Richard in his will, dated 1672, speaks of William, whom he appoints executor, as "my kinsman," and also of Charles, son of the poet Thomas, as "my kinsman." It is thus clear that Richard belonged to the Wichenford family, though whose son he was is not clear. Probably he was a son of one of the eight sons of Anthony (No. 11), as he was born 1597.

Al. Ox. gives his record: "of Surrey gent: Exeter Coll. matric 13 Dec 1615 aged 18 pauper scholaris B.A. 20 June 1619 M.A. 16 May 1622 chaplain of Christ Church 1641–8 created B.D. 1 or 2 Nov 1642, student and precentor, canon of Chichester, rector of Earnley with Almodington Sussex: admitted to Merchant Taylors' school 1613, born 5 Jan 1597." Neither Al. Ox. nor the Merchant Taylors' Register states who his father was.

The Dean of Christ Church writes that in the Dean's Matriculation Book "Under the date 1623 there is the following entry: 'Mr. Rich. Washbourne into Chaplain's allowance made as Chanter & Vicar.' He is at the bottom of the list. Under 1641 he appears at the top of it, and from subsequent lists his name is absent." When before the Parliamentary Commissioners in May, 1648, he made a spirited reply: "Without manifest perjury I cannot submitt to the power of Parliament in this Visitation," a refusal which led to his expulsion from office. But clearly he returned

3. ELIZABETH, sister of the two prebendaries, was married at Wichenford, February 9th, 1633, to Philip Brace, and had by him a large family, as shown by the following from the 1682 *Visitation*:—


John Brace, of Hill Court co. Worc. = Cecily, dau. of Sir Samuel Sandys, of Ombersley, co. Worc.
1. Philip Brace of Hill Court, afterwards of Doverdale, ob. 1 May, 1673, at fere 60. = Elizabeth Washbourne.
2. Edwin Brace Rector of Doverdale, co. Worc., living 1683, at. circa 68. = Anne, dau. of John Lench, of Doverdale.
Mercy = Francis Sheldon, of Abberton.
Cicely, ob. inf.
2. Penelope, living unmar. in Worc. 1683.
3. Mercy, wife of Simon Clarke, of Salford Abbots, co. Warw., Bart., who died 1687.
4. Elizabeth, wife of William Mills, of Mickleton and Welford, co. Glouc. She died 1686.
5. Eleanor, wife of Francis Woolmer, of Grafton, co. Worc.
1. John Brace, ob. 8 Oct., 1671, at circa 27 cælebs.
2. Samuel Brace, ob. cælebs 28 Oct., 1672.
3. Philip Brace, ob. 25 June, 1674, cælebs.

Nash (under Dodderhill) gives this, among other inscriptions :—

Near this place lyeth the body of Philip Brace of Doverdale in

to his work at Christ Church either at or before the Restoration, for in his will he describes himself as chaplain there.

In Walker's *Sufferings*, ii. 111, under the Christ Church men occurs Richard Washbourn with the remark, "These last 27 were under Sentence of Condemnation with the rest of the Loyalists, but 'tis possible several among them might not be of the Foundation: & of those which were so, some might afterwards make their Peace & keep their Places: But how to distinguish the one from the other I know not."

He died in 1672, between April 21st, the date of his will, and August 23rd, when it was proved, at the age of seventy-five, and thus he was nearly twenty years older than his kinsman William at Oriel. His signature to the will is indecipherable, and the spelling of many words hardly orthodox; it was apparently written out by one of the witnesses. The substance of the will is this: to the church of "St. Fridswide in Oxōn," 6/8: to the poor of the parish of St. Peter "in the Bayly" 6/8, to Elizabeth Hopkins 20/-; "unto my kinsman Charles Washborne student of Christ Church all my Bookes as they shall be specifyed in a Cattalogue to be deliverd to hime by my Executor when he shall bee compleatly two yeares standing Master of Arts": "to my kinsman Mr. William Washborne fellow of Oriell Coll. in Oxōn: my Speeds Mapps whom also I Constitute & make my Executor.' [John Speed's Maps were published about 1620.] There is a note at the bottom of the will not very distinct, but seeming to say that a Mr. Stamper of London had £12 of his money, that Alford Carpender owed him £5, and that in his study would be found £3 in silver and £5 in gold.

this county, esquire, patron of this church, who departed this life the first of May, anno Domini 1671,[1] aet. suae 60. As also the bodies of his three sons, John, Samuel and Philip, who all died batchelors in the flower of their age, three years after their father: which sons and five daughters he had by Elizabeth his wife, daughter of John Washbourn of Wickenford in this county, esquire: one of which daughters, viz. Mercy, now dame Mercy Clarke, relict of Sir Simon Clarke of Salford in the county of Warwick, baronet, hath erected this small monument in memory of her beloved father and brothers.

Philip Brace, according to Nash (App. cvi.), was taken prisoner during the Civil War and had to compound for his estate, but his name does not appear in Grazebrook's list.

The Braces of Doverdale were a very old Worcestershire family, and recorded their pedigree at the Visitations of 1533, 1634, and 1682–3. They appear, says Grazebrook, to have been descended from a common ancestor with the Braceys of Warndon, the heiress of which family married Thomas Lygon in 7 Hen. V. It is interesting to recall this, as Elizabeth Washbourne's mother was a Lygon. When Elizabeth died is uncertain; she was not buried at Dodderhill.

The thirteen children of John by his two wives have now been dealt with: ten were living at the time of their father's death in 1633. His will, now at Somerset House, is as follows:—

THE WILL OF JOHN (12)

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN the fower and twentieth day of February in the nyneth yeare of the Raigne of our Soveraigne Lord Charles by the grace of God of England Scotland Fraunce and Ireland King Defendr of the Faith &c John Washburne of Wichenford in the county of Worcester Esquier being weake in body but of good and perfect memory (thanke be giuen to God) doe make this my last will and testament in manner and forme

[1] This should be 1673: date of burial May 4th.

following First and principally I comitt my soule into the handes of Almighty god my creator hopeing assuredly by the onely meritts of Jesus Christ my saviõr and redeemer to be made p̃taker of everlasting life And my body I comend vnto the earth wherof it was made and to be buryed decently in the chauncell of the parishe Church of Wichenford And as concerning my temporall goodes which it hath pleased God of his infinite goodnes and mercy to haue bestowed vppon me in this world I dispose of them in manner and forme following. Itm̃ I giue and bequeath vnto Gyles Washbourne one of my sonnes by my former wife the summe of fower score poundes And my will and meaning is that the said somme of fowerscore poundes soe by me given vnto him the saide Gyles Washbourne shal be paid to him at one entyre payment within one yeare next and im̃ediately after my decease he the said Gyles Washbourne giving his acquittance and dischardge vppon payment or lawfull tender therof Item I giue and bequeath vnto Francis Washbourne one of my daughters by my said former wife the sume of three hundred markes to be paid vnto her likewise within one yeare next following my decease Item I giue and bequeath vnto Willyam Washbourne the younger one of my sonnes by Elinor my last wife the summe of three hundred poundes to be paid vnto him the said Willyam the younger at such tyme as he shall accomplish the age of one and twenty yeares And my will and meaning is that in the meanetyme of his accomplishment of the said age of one and twenty yeares that he the same Willyam Washbourne the younger shalbe mayntained in decent manner according to his estate degree and quality by the executour of this my last will and testament withall needfull and necessary apparrell and other thinges necessary for his education breeding and learning Item I giue and bequeath also vnto him the said William Washbourne the younger one good featherbed withall furniture therevnto belonging and three payre of good sheets the same to be delivered vnto him by the discrec̃on of my said executor at such time as he shall require the same. Item I giue and bequeath vnto Elizabeth Brace one of my daughters by her the said Elianor my last wife two feather bedds withall the furniture therevnto belonging together with the one halfe of all my linnens (not bequeathed) throughout my howse att Wichenford and the same to be delivered vnto her by the discrec̃on of my Executor at such tyme as she shall require the same. Item wheereas I haue by my severall deedes bearing date the eight day of Marche in

the sixth yeare of the raygne of our Soveraigne Lord the Kinges Maiesty that now is and made betweene me the said John Washbourne on th'one part and Abell Gower Esqr deceased and Thomas Symonds Gentleman on thother part conveyed and assured vnto them the said Abell Gower and Thomas Symonds their heires and assignes all that my messuage or tenement in the tenure or occupac̃on of one Roger Leues Scituate and being in the parish of Dodnam alias Dodenham in the said county of Worcester and all and all manner of landes tenements meadowes leasowes pastures feedinges woodes vnderwoods and the soile and ground wherevppon the said woodes and vnderwoodes growe and be wayes waters water courses commons profitts comodities emoluments rents reverc̃ons remaynders services and hereditaments whatsoever of me the said John Washborne with their rightes members and appurtennces scituate lying and being in the said parishe of Dodnam alias Dodenham and Knightwicke or one of them being in the tenure of mee the saide John Washbourne and Roger Lewes or one of vs or õr assignee or assignes to the vse and behoofe of me the said John Washbourne for and during the terme of my naturall life without impeachment of waist and after my decease to the vse and behoofe of Thomas Washbourne sonne of mee the said John and Elenour my second wife deceased and of the heires males[1] of the said Thomas And for want of such heires males then to the use and behoofe of the said Willyam Washbourne one other of my sonnes by the said Elenour my said wife deceased and of the heires male of him the said Willyam And now my will and meaning being that the said messuage landes and tenements shall be and remayne vnto them the said Thomas and William accordingly doe will and devise all and singular the said mesuages landes tenements before mentioned with thapp̃urtenn̄cs vnto the said Thomas Washbourne and the heires males of his body lawfully begotten And for want of such heires then to the vse and behoofe of the said Willyam Washborne the younger and of the heires males of his body lawfully begotten Item I giue and bequeath vnto fower of my daughters by my first wife that is to say Anne Sheldon Mary Talbott Elizabeth Leight and Katherine Doughty to every of them one siluer boule to be delivered vnto them by the dis-

[1] Part of the Doddenham property Thomas seems to have sold in 1658 to Rowland Berkeley. The rest probably came to his eldest son Samuel; in 2 William and Mary Richard Carwardine, Washbourne, and others were selling land there to Edward Underhill, and in 8 William and Mary Samuel Washbourne and others were selling to Dr. William Johnson. (See *Index to Worcestershire Fines.*)

crecon of my executor. Item I give and bequeath vnto my godsonne and heire John Washborne sonne of my grandchild Willyam Washborne deceased all the hanginges of arrace worke together with the bedsted curtaynes and vallence in my chamber called the greene chamber Item I giue and bequeath vnto him likewise all the handings of arras woorke in myne ordinary dyning parlour Provided nevertheles and the true intent and meaning of this my last will and testament is that if Thomas Becke my servant and Margaret his wife shall not be permitted and suffered quietly and peaceably to haue hould occupy possesse and enioy the howse or tenement wherein he now inhabiteth which said howse he the said Thomas Becke lately erected and built at his owne proper costs and charges and also the meadow plecke and pasture ground wherevppon the said howse standeth together with the profitts in and about the same for and during the naturall lives of them the said Thomas Becke and the said Margarett his wife and the life of the longest liver of them that then he the said John Washborne shall loose the benefitt of the said legacy which I haue before in this my last will and testament given and bequeathed vnto him vnles he the said John Washborne my godsonne or his assignes doe and shall within one moneth next after my decease well and truely satisfie and pay or cause to be well and truely satisfied and paid vnto the said Thomas Becke or his assignes the full somme of fourty poundes of currant English money at one entyre repayment for and towardes his costs and chardges in building and erecting of the said house or tenement and for his or their not having and enioying of the same according to a former promise by mee made vnto them touching the enioying of the premisses in manner and forme aforesaid Item I giue and bequeath vnto my godsonne John Doughty the summe of tenne poundes of lawfull money of England to be paid within one yeare next after my decease Item I doe further hereby give and bequeath vnto Elinor Doughty my grandchild fourty poundes to be paid within one yeare after my decease Item I giue and bequeath vnto the poore of the parishe of Wichenford twenty shillinges Item I giue and bequeath vnto the poore of the parish of Martley tenne shillinges Item I giue and bequeath vnto the poore of the parishe of Hallow tenne shillings Item I giue and bequeath vnto the poore of the parishe of Grimley tenne shillinges Item I giue and bequeath vnto every one servants which shalbe attending vppon mee and serve mee in my howse at my decease over and above their wages which

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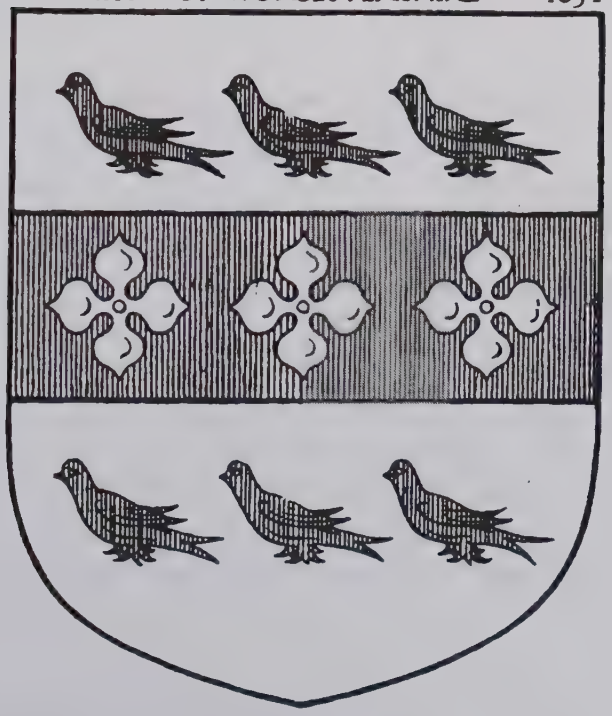

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shall be due vnto any one of them at the same tyme five shillinges a peece. Item I giue and bequeath vnto John Pary my footeman the sume of five poundes The residue of all my goodes cattells and chattells whatsoever they be moveable or vnmoveable not already by me given and bequeathed by this my last will and testament (my debtes and legacies payd and my funerall expenses discharged) I give and bequeath vnto Thomas Washborne my beloved sonne whome I make and ordayne my sole Executor of this my last will and testament And that if he the said Thomas will not may not or cannot be my executor that then I make and ordayne Willyam Washborne the younger my sole Executor of this my last will and testament And I doe further hereby revoke disannull and make void all former will and wills whatsoever heretofore by me made In wittnes wherof I the said John Washborne have hereunto put my hand and seale the day and yeare first aboue written And I doe desire S^{r} William Russell Barronet and Thomas Woodward Esquire the Overseers of this my last will and testament and doe giue to eache of them for their paines one silver wyne boule—JOHN WASHBORNE

Memorandum that this will was published and sealed the day and yeare first aboue written in the presence of HEN. WRIGHT. HENRY BROMLEY. MAR. SANDS. ROGER LEWES. WILL. BARNES.

Proved 18th April 1634.

Taking up the main line from page 99 we come to

WILLIAM (14).

William, the elder son of John by Alice Robinson, is given as aged eleven in 1611, and therefore was born in or about 1600. He matriculated at Brazenose College, Oxford, March 28th, 1617, at the age of seventeen, and according to Al. Ox. also entered as student of Lincoln's Inn in 1618 "as son and heir of John, of Wichenford, co. Worcester." He was at the time a married man though a mere youth, his wedding having taken place at Astley, near Stourport, on March 16th, 1615–16; that is to say, six months after his father's death. His bride was

Lettice, a daughter of Sir Edward Littleton,[1] Knight, of Pillaton Hall, co. Stafford, by his wife, Mary Fisher, but what her father's connection was with Astley, where he had a daughter Margaret baptized on September 27th, 1612, is not clear. The Pillaton Littletons owned the manor of Shelsley Walsh. (Nash, ii. 350.)

William and Lettice had a son, Edward, buried at Martley September 18th, 1627, and therefore not given in the 1634 *Visitation*, which mentions two children :—

JOHN (15), and

MARY, of whom no particulars are forthcoming.

William died April 12th, 20 James I, in the lifetime of his grandfather John (12), and was buried at Wichenford,

[1] LITTLETON

This family is of very old standing in Worcestershire. Elizabeth, only child and heir of Thomas Littleton, of Frankley, married Thomas Westcott, of Devonshire. Their son, Thomas Westcott, the celebrated judge who died 1481, took the name of Littleton, and was the founder of the two families, the Pillaton one in Staffordshire, now represented by Lord Hatherton, of Teddesley, Penkridge; and the Worcestershire family of Frankley and Hagley, represented by Viscount Cobham, who is also fifth Baron Lyttelton.

The descent of the Pillaton family was as follows :—

Thomas Westcote, *alias* Littleton.

Richard Littleton = Alice, dau. of William Weddesbury.

Sir Edward, Knt. and Constable of Stafford Castle, *ob.* 1558. = Ellen, dau. of Humphrey Swinnerton.

Sir Edward, Knt. *ob.* 1574. = Alice, dau. of Francis Cockaine, of Ashbourne, co. Derby.

Sir Edward, Knt., of Pillaton *ob.* 1623. = Margaret, dau. of Sir Wm. Devereux, Knt.

Sir Edward, Knt. and M.P. *ob.* 1629. = Mary, dau. of Sir Clement Fisher, Knt., of Pakington, co. Warwick.

Sir Edward, Bart. = Hester Courteen.

(Cf. Phillimore's *V. of W.*, 1569.)

where, however, there is no monument to him, on April 13th, 1622. The Inquisition then taken, the drift of which is printed below, shows that he, in his short married life, had the Cransley property by the free gift of his mother, Alice Robinson, upon whom for her life Knight's Washbourne had been settled at the time of her marriage. His widow Lettice soon married again: on July 21st, 1623, at St. Mary's, Shrewsbury, she became the wife of John Clent, son of John Clent, of Knightwick, who was fined for not taking knighthood at the coronation of Charles I, and by him had several children: three baptized at Knightwick, viz. Lettice in 1625, John in 1627, and Constance in 1639; two baptized at Wichenford, viz. Hester in 1635, and Anne in 1636. They had also a son Littleton, who became father of (among others) Colonel Edward Clent, who married Elizabeth Fountaine in 1704 at Knightwick.

At the Visitation of Worcestershire 1634 the Washbourne pedigree, beginning with John (12) and ending with John (15), was entered and attested by John Clent on behalf of his stepson, "then aged about 15 yeares a° 1634 cossen & heire of John his great-grandfather." The Clent pedigree was entered at the same time.

The baptismal entries given above seem to suggest that on the death of the old great-grandfather in 1633, Lettice and the stepfather, John Clent, came to Wichenford Court, the new owner of which was of tender age, and remained there till the latter's marriage in 1639 with Elizabeth Childe.

Nash says that the lands of Alderford, in Knightwick, passed to John Clent from the Washbournes: these probably were part of the property which came to the family by the marriage of Robert (9) with Eleanor Staples. He also states that the benefice of Martley passed to the Clents from the Mucklowes through the

Washbournes, John Clent, of Knightwick, presenting Thomas Clent, M.A., in 1626. This accounts for the fact stated by Habingdon under Martley :—

Theare lyethe in the Chauncell a littell stone with this inscription :—

"Hic iacent Eduardus Washbourn et Johannes Clent filii Letitiae filiae Edwardi Littleton Militis de Pileton com. Staff. 1629."

The former of these, Edward, son of her first husband, was buried, as already stated, in September, 1627, the second in the following January.

The following is in substance the Inquisition held after William's death, September 5th, 20 Jas. I, at Northampton :—

The jury find that a certain John Washbourne, armiger, grandfather of the said William Washbourne, was seised of the manors of Knight's Washbourne, Westencott, and Wichenford. On 2 Dec. 41 Eliz. by a certain indenture between the said John, the grandfather, and John his son and heir of the one part, and Thomas Owen, armiger, one of the Justices of the Court of Queen's Bench, and Alice his wife of the other part, the said John Washbourne, the grandfather, in consideration of a marriage now to be solemnized between his son and heir, John, and Alice Robinson youngest daughter of the said Alice Owen by Henry Robinson her former husband now defunct, granted the manor of Knight's Washbourne to Thomas Owen and Alice Owen his wife ad opus et usum of the said Alice Robinson for her life and after her death to John Washbourne his son and heir and his heirs male begotten on the body of the said Alice: in default of heirs male to heirs female, with remainder to the use of Anthony Washbourne, second son of John the grandfather and his heirs male, with remainder to Henry his third son, to Egidius his fourth son, and to William his fifth son in due order and succession and their heirs male.

The manor of Wichenford he granted to the use of his own wife Mary for her life.

The manor of Westencott in Westencott Morton and Norton after his own death and the death of his wife Mary he granted to

John his son and heir and his heirs male, and in default to his second son Anthony and his heirs, and so to his other sons Henry, Egidius, and William, and their heirs male in due order and succession in case of default.

John, son and heir of John Washbourne the grandfather, in due course married Alice Robinson and entered into the manor of Knight's Washbourne, of which William the subject of this inquisition took possession on the death of his father John, the son of John the grandfather.

The said Alice Washbourne, widow of John Washbourne, held[1] in Cranesley in the county of Northampton during her widowhood 5 messuages, 6 cottages, 3 tofts, 1 dovecot, 12 gardens, 12 orchards, 200 acres of land, 105 acres of meadow, 200 acres of pasture, 8 acres of wood, and being so seised, by deed[2] dated on the morrow of the Ascension 14 James I., because of a marriage about to take place between her son William with Lettice, one of the daughters of Sir Edward Littleton, Kt, granted the premises in Cranesley to the said William and Lettice Washbourne and their heirs male with remainder to John Washbourne, brother of the said William, and his heirs male: and in default to Owen Brett, eldest son of John Brett[3] of Edmonton, co. Middlesex, for his life, and at his decease to the use of Robert Riche of Lincoln's Inn for his life, and then to Richard Riche his brother for life, then to John Riche his brother for life, with remainder to her right heirs. The jury say that the said William Washbourne died seised thereof on April 12th last past, and John Washbourne, gent., is his son and heir begotten on the body of the said Lettice his wife, and is within the age of 21 years being of the age of 2 years on March 24th last past.

The jury also say that John Washbourne the grandfather, and Alice Washbourne the mother, of the said William still survive and live in plena vita apud Northampton.

JOHN (15)

John, who succeeded his great-grandfather John (12), was "aged about 15 yeares a° 1634," and apparently was

[1] See Appendix No. 1.

[2] See Appendix No. 8.

[3] Alice Robinson's sister Margaret was wife of Sir John Brett, and her sister Anne the wife of Robert Riche. (See p. 91.)

born on March 24th, 1619–20. He entered at Merchant Taylors' March 11th, 1628–9, being described as "probably of Wichenford," and at the age of seventeen entered at Christ Church, Oxford, as an Upper Commoner.

The Dean of Christ Church very kindly furnishes the entry :—

1636. Upper Commoners. Mr. Joh. Washbourn f. Gul. de Wickenford, Wigorn, arm. 17. Caut^{a} pd May 13 by Mr. Busby rep^{d} Oct. 37.

and adds: "seventeen is of course his age at Matriculation. The next word is Caution, and means the sum paid down at entry. Mr. Busby would, I suppose, have been what answers to a tutor in modern times. Repaid means that his name was removed. I have verified this in the treasurer's book, and find that the sum paid for Caution was £10. I mention this because I cannot at present reconcile it with a statement in Foster's *Alumni* that this Washbourne took his degree B.A. from here in 1652." The confusion here is between this John, who took his name off in 1637, and the John, afterwards rector of Holt (pp. 116, 117), who entered at Christ Church in 1648, graduating in 1652. The same confusion appears in Robinson's Register (i. 126 n.). The Dean adds by way of explanation: "There were four orders at Christ Church until about 1870. Their proper names were Nobiles, Superioris ordinis Commensales, Inferioris ordinis Commensales, Servientes. The Upper Comoners were the second order usually called in modern times Gentlemen Comoners."

Al. Ox. states that John entered as student of the Middle Temple in 1637.

On June 17th, 1639, he married, at Shrawley, Elizabeth,

daughter of William Childe,[1] by his wife Catharine, the daughter of Thomas Coventry, of Croome. She was then in her seventeenth year, having been baptized there October 6th, 1622. By this marriage there were three children, fatherless and minors in 1653 :—

1. William (16), see below.

2. Catharine ; she became the wife of John Dabitott, of Munderfield Harold, Bromyard, on or before January 26, 1663–4, for agreements[2] of January 26th and 27th are extant by which she and her husband made over to her brother the interest she had in her great grandmother,

[1] Childe

The Childes were at Northwick, in Blockley, as early as the fourteenth century, and remained till the time of Ch. II., when they sold to the Rushouts. From 1620–44 they were patrons of Shrawley (Gr.), and were living there. The pedigree as gathered from Grazebrook and Habingdon was:—

William, of Northwick.
|
Edmund, of Northwick.
|
William, of Northwick, high sh., 28 Eliz. = Anne Hunkes.
|
William, of Pensax, high sh., 41 Eliz. = Margaret Jefferies, of Ham Castle.
|
William, of Northwick, *d.* 1633, aged 80 = Elizabeth, dau. of Sir Wm. Babington, co. Oxon.
|
William, of Northwick and Grimley = Catharine, dau. of Thomas Coventry, of Croome, mar. at Bredon January, 1599.

Neither Habingdon nor Grazebrook mentions Elizabeth as the daughter of this last marriage. The former gives Simon, Thomas, Margaret, and Anne; the latter mentions Thomas and John "with others." The father, William, was buried at Shrawley January 5th, 1655, and the mother, Catharine, on May 14th, 1637. The register there records the marriage of Ann, daughter of William Child, to William Parrye, gent., of Dulesse, co. Hereford, June 15th, 1626, and the burial of John Child, gent., on April 26th, 1641. The Wichenford transcripts contain "1666 Jacobus Child sepultus erat," 1675 "Maria Child vetula sepulta erat," members probably of the Shrawley family.

Both the grandfather and father of Elizabeth were fined for not taking knighthood at the coronation of Ch. I. : William Child, sen., esq., of Blockley, £33 ; William Child, esq., of Shrawley, £25. The latter recorded his pedigree at the Visitation of Worcester 1634, and later on had to compound. The *Worcester Quarter Sessions Rolls* show that he was a very active magistrate between 1626 and 1643.

A younger son of this Northwick family, Sir Wm. Childe, Knt., a Master in Chancery, married Anne Lacon, daughter of Rowland Lacon, of Kinlet, and was progenitor of the Childes of Kinlet, co. Salop. [Gr.]

[2] p. 223.

Alice Downes' property. They had two children baptized at Bromyard: Washbourne (a son) on August 31st, 1664, and Anna on April 23rd, 1667. The same register contains the burials of John Dabitott, gent., on September 18th, 1706, and of Ann Dabitott, widow, on March 12th, 1719.

3. Elizabeth; apparently the Elizabeth buried at Pytchley February 7th, 1700, and commemorated on a stone, thus inscribed (Brydges, ii. 125), but removed since 1838:—

"Mrs. Elizabeth Washbourne was buried the 7th day of February, 1700."

John was a most ardent Royalist, and suffered heavily for the good cause. *Magna Britannia* speaks of him as "Coll. John Washburn a great Royalist in the time of the Rebellion who was plundered and sequestred, being forced to pay £797 to redeem his Estates from the Republican Party, but he was even with them paying them more than once in another Metal!"

Nash does not give his name in the list of the Royalists in the garrison when Worcester surrendered in July, 1646, but does include him in the list of those who were taken prisoner and had to compound. As this second list follows upon Nash's account of the siege in 1646, and precedes his account of the Battle of Worcester in 1651, it seems probable that Washbourne was taken prisoner in 1646 at the time of the siege: at any rate, he was a keen supporter of the royal cause then or shortly afterwards, and *was fined before the final Royalist effort in* 1651. This is clear from the following extracts from the *Calendar of the Committee for Compounding* (p. 1930):—

John Washburne, Wichenford, co. Worcester.

27 Feb. 1649.	Compounds for delinquency in adhering to and assisting the forces raised against Parliament.
21 April.	Fine at ⅛, £797 10s. 0d.
31 May 1650.	Paid and estate discharged.

The same Calendar shows (p. 1981) the lot that befell his servant :—

21 April 1649.	Wm. Hitchcock, Wichenford, co. Worcester. Compounds for delinquency. Being John Washburne's servant, attended him in the King's service for a year. Has since been in Parliament service. Begs a report to the House for remission of his fine in consideration thereof.
21 April 1649.	Fine at $\frac{1}{10}$ £17 10s. 0d.
26 March 1651.	Elizabeth Hitchcock, his daughter and administratrix, begs to supply omissions in her father's particulars, and to compound for them on her own discovery. Petition noted as received but no order.

Although John Washbourne had paid his fine, he was a marked man.

At the end of this year [1650] there is a petition from an old Cavalier, John Washbourne, of Wichenford, which well illustrates the conditions under which the "Malignants" had to live. Washbourne asked to be allowed to come to London, but this was only to be granted "if upon enquiry the Lord Chief Baron Wylde conceive him fit to be suffered to come hither, and likewise certifying what security Washbourne should put in." That is, the malignants could not leave their county without it was thought fit and not then without special bail, and such bail for safe appearance as their neighbours who were their opponents considered sufficient. (Willis-Bund's *Civil War in Worcestershire*, pp. 211, 212.)

Though he had suffered so heavily for the royal cause and paid his fine as recently as May, 1650, in the August of the next year he was among the gentlemen who responded to King Charles' summons to all between the ages of sixteen and sixty, and attended the review held on the Pitchcroft, Worcester, on August 26th, preparatory to the battle which followed on September 3rd and proved

so fatal to the King's interests. Not only was he present, but he took with him "forty horse," a fact recorded in *Boscobel* (1769), which gives the following list of the Royalists at the review :—

Francis Lord Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury, with about sixty horse.
Mr. Mervin Touchet, his Lieutenant-Colonel.
Sir John Packington.
Sir Walter Blount.
Sir Ralph Clare.
Sir Rowland Berkley.
Sir John Winford.
Mr. Ralph Sheldon, of Beoly.
Mr. John Washburn, of Witchinford, with forty horse.
Mr. Thomas Hornyold, of Blackmore Park, with forty horse.
Mr. Wm. Seldon, of Finstal.
Mr. Thomas Acton.
Captain Benbow.
Mr. Robert Blount, of Kenswick.
Mr. Robert Wigmore, of Lucton.
Mr. Edward Pennel, senior.
Captain John Kingston.
Mr. Peter Blount.
Mr. Edward Blount.
Mr. Walter Walsh.
Mr. Charles Walsh.
Mr. William Dansey.
Mr. Francis Knotsford.
Mr. George Chambers, etc.

The story of the King's defeat and escape and the dispersion of his army is well known :—

> The crowning mercy is complete—Worcester taken, the Royalists routed, Charles fled. In the city thousands of prisoners are penned up in the cathedral; carcases of horses and corpses of men make the streets horrible; Lords and gentlemen are being plucked from their lurking holes. The Earls of Derby, Lauderdale, Cleveland, and Shrewsbury, Lord Wentworth, generals; Leslie, Middleton, and Alexander Forbes, who commanded Fort Royal; Robert Earl of Carnworth, the Earl of Kelly, Sir John Packington, Generals Montgomery and Piscotty, and many more are prisoners, some of them wounded desperately. The Duke of Hamilton, whose horse was shot under him at the first charge, is dying in the Commandery. Hundreds of other men of less note, whose names are not recorded, are dying or dead. Such is the price paid for the restoration of order. (Brassington's *Historic Worcestershire*, p. 328.)

What the lot of John Washbourne was on that fatal day

is not clear. The Money-Kyrle pedigree states that he was taken prisoner. Whether he survived the day or what became of him is not known. He disappears from the scene, and this only is known that he was dead before May 20th, 1653, an indenture of that date speaking of his widow. (See App. No. 5.) On February 3rd, 1653–4, nearly nine months later, letters of administration were granted to William Washbourne "esquire" as uncle and curator lawfully assigned of his three young children mentioned above, the William in question being their great-grandfather's brother who was buried at Holt in 1667, and who would now be about sixty-five. The fact that the mother, Elizabeth, was not appointed administratrix and guardian of her young children, coupled with the fact that she is not mentioned in the will of the children's great-grandmother (Alice Downes) made in the same month, is very surprising, and leads to various speculations: (1) Can it be that she had died *after* May 20th, 1653, when as widow of John Washbourne she leased for eight years to Robert Neend the Westmancote property, which apparently she had till the coming of age of her son William, and *before* the following February? (2) Or was she on bad terms with her late husband's grandmother? (3) Possibly she had married again, and so was deemed not the most suitable guardian of her children. This last suggestion seems the most probable, and for this reason. On January 4th, 15 Ch. II. (i.e. 1663), her son William, then of Pytchley, sold all his lands in Norton by Bredon for £1210 to William Hancock, of Norton, and his son William, and in the deed this clause of reservation occurs :—

All such leases and estates as before the marriage of the said William Washbourne were made or granted of all or any part or parts of the said bargained premises to any person or persons whatsoever by Joseph Malden, Clerk, and Elizabeth his wife, or

one of them, for any term or terms now in being not exceeding the life of the said Elizabeth Malden or years determinable upon her death only excepted and foreprized.

Joseph Malden was acting as minister[1] of Wichenford as early as 1650, and was vicar 1660–1706. Why should his wife have had power up to September 18th, 1655, to grant leases of the Washbourne lands for her lifetime, unless she had an interest in the lands through being a Washbourne? and why should she forfeit her power to grant leases on the day of young William Washbourne's marriage? The only solution is the suggestion that John's widow had, by her marriage settlement, Norton lands made over to her, or enjoyed them temporarily, and married Joseph Malden, subsequently to May 20th, 1653, when as Elizabeth Washbourne, widow, she leased Westmancote, and Malden witnessed her signature to the deed, and before September 18th, 1655, when her son William married Susanna Dowdeswell. A writer more gifted than the present one with vivid imagination might draw a pretty picture of the young village preacher's efforts to comfort the widow Elizabeth after the Battle of Worcester and the ultimate success he achieved. But no great powers of imagination are necessary to conceive that the children's great-grandmother, Alice Downes, might regard the second marriage of their mother (belonging to two such old families, the Childes by birth and the Wash-

[1] The circumstances under which Joseph Malden took possession of Wichenford Church are not clear. The previous vicar was Edward Hackett, who was born in 1608, graduated B.A. and M.A. at Balliol College, Oxford, and after holding the living of Bishampton for three years became vicar of Wichenford on November 25th, 1634. He signed the transcript for 1636, Samuel Unwyne signing as "curat. ibm" for 1635 and 1637. As the register is missing, and there are no transcripts between 1637 and 1660, what became of Hackett is not known. Possibly he died; possibly he was among the thousands of incumbents who were ejected from their homes and churches for fidelity to their consciences and vows. This only is clear, that at the time of the Parliamentary Survey Malden, who had no University status, and possibly was not in Holy Orders, was acting as minister at a salary of £60 a year. Shortly after the Restoration, on December 27th, 1660, he was regularly instituted as vicar, but the dates of his ordination are not known.

bournes by marriage) as a *mésalliance*, and show her resentment by omitting her name from her will, and securing a Washbourne guardian for the little ones, unwilling to entrust them to the care of a stepfather whose irregular position as minister in those troublous times cannot have been a very exalted one, and whose family was doubtless of humble rank compared with theirs.

In connection with this suggested marriage the entries about Malden in the *Index of Worcestershire Fines* are of interest. In 1655 he had transactions about the sale of land in Norton with Richard Dowdeswell, the guardian of Elizabeth's son, William, and in 1658 with William Washbourne about land in Westmancote. It is of course possible that he possessed land of his own right in that part of Bredon; but it seems more probable that the properties were the Washbourne ones in which Elizabeth was interested, and that he was acting as her representative. The same may be said as to his transactions recorded in the *Index* as to lands in Wichenford, Martley, and Hallow.

The Wichenford transcript for 1683 contains the entry :—

Dom. Elizabetha Malden sepulta erat Janrii 30,

which seems to refer to Malden's wife, the "Dom." (domina) showing that she was a woman of quality unlike many of the wives of the clergy at that time, if Macaulay's picture is true to fact.[1]

[1] Opposite to Bredon, on the other side of the River Avon, is the church of Twyning, which contains handsome monuments to the Hancock family, and also a flat stone in the aisle thus inscribed :—

Here lyeth the Body of M^rs^ Mary Malden of Witchinford in the County of Worcester, who departed this Life the 23^rd^ of July 1703.

The register says she was maid in the Hancock family, but what kin she was to the vicar of Wichenford is not clear.

The facts which seem to favour the theory that Joseph Malden married Elizabeth, widow of John Washbourne, have now been given. Against it, though not conclusively because the lady may have been a second wife, is the fact that when Malden died in 1706, letters of administration were granted to his widow whose name is given as Eleanor. By his wife Elizabeth he had a son, baptized at Hallow in 1663. "Henry the sonne of Joseph & Elizabeth Malden was baptized the 15th day of December."

To return to John. By indentures of June 7th and 8th, 23 Car., 1647 (see Appendix 4), there was an exchange of lands between John Washbourne and Alice Downes, his grandmother. He made over to her for the rest of his life, "and noe longer," his lands in Norton and Westencoat (the expression "and noe longer" seems to show that at his death the interest in them was already assigned, possibly to his widow Elizabeth); and Alice made over to him and his heirs for ever her property in Cransley, which already was entailed on him. Why the exchange was made is not clear; possibly it was in prospect of coming events and the heavy fine imposed soon afterwards.

With the disappearance of John (15) from the scene after the Battle of Worcester, September, 1651, the close connection of the family with Wichenford ceased. The Court property continued in the family for two generations more in the persons of John's son and grandson, both named William, until 1712 when it was sold to Edmund Skynner, but it was let to tenants, as the lists of those who served the parish offices show. William Rider served for the Court in 1674, 1677, 1686, 1689, and 1696, and John Jones in 1706 and 1708. There are no Wichenford transcripts at Worcester for the years 1637–60, and no Washbourne entries in the transcripts extant for most of the years

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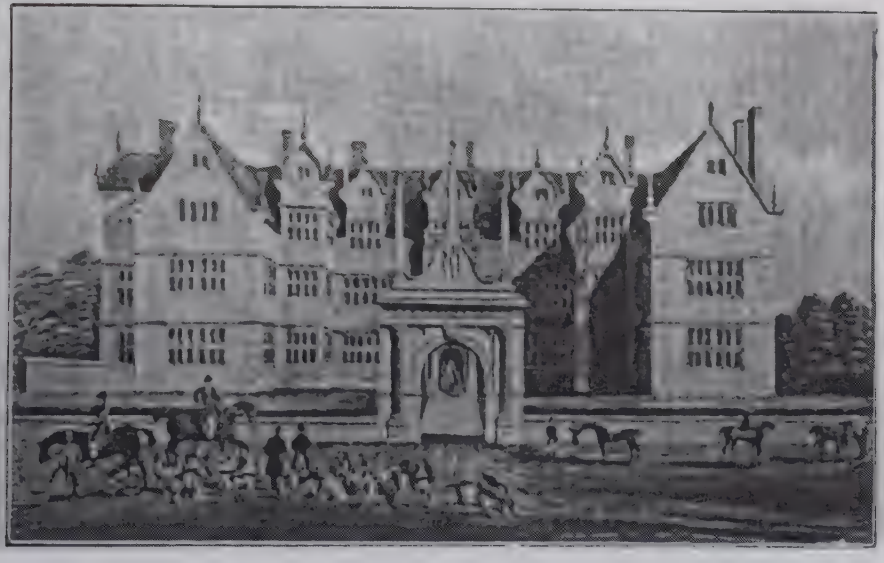

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1660–90, or in the register beginning with 1690, or in the parish books. The family removed to Pytchley in Northamptonshire in or before 1663, John's only son, William, inheriting under his great-grandmother Alice Downes' will (proved December, 1654) her lands in Cransley,[1] which were settled on her by her mother at her first marriage in 41 Elizabeth (1598), and also her lands in Pytchley. These properties, no doubt, surpassed the Wichenford property in value, hence the removal of the family from Wichenford to Pytchley.

[Writing of the Isham manors in Pytchley, Bridges, who died 1724, says (ii. p. 124): "they are now[2] in the hands of William Washbourne, Esq., as heir to William Washbourne, Esq., his father, descended from the family of Washbourne in Worcestershire, who we suppose purchased them of the Lanes." (William Lane married Anne Isham, grand-daughter of Sir Euseby Isham, who died 1626.) The lands owned by Alice Downes, and left to her great-grandson William, are specified in deeds given in Appendix 9, and apparently formed part of the Isham manors, for a deed of May 1st, 1633, shows that William Isham, late of Pytchley, was selling to Francis Downes, sen., of Pytchley, Roger Downes, of Wardley, co. Lancaster, and Francis Downes, son and heir of Roger Downes. (Another deed of October 14th, 1637, shows that the same trio were buying land in Pytchley from Thomas and Alice Fynamore, of Raunds.) It thus seems certain that the old Isham property was not bought by William Washbourne, sen., as suggested by Bridges, but by members of the Downes family, from whom it passed through Alice to William Washbourne, junior, the owner in Bridges' time.]

[1] Appendix No. 1.

[2] "The Stafford family, who possessed a manor here, had an house adjoining the churchyard, lately pulled down by Mr. Washbourne" (ii. 121).

The following long indenture of December 13th, 1655, will serve as a link between chapters II and III :—

This Indenture quadripartite made the thirteenth day of December in the yeare of Our Lord according to the accompt now used in England one thousand six hundred ffiftye ffive betweene John Maunsell of Thorpe Malson in the county of Northampton esqr one of the executors of the last will and testam^{t} of Alice Downes late of Pichley in the said County of Northampton widdowe deceased on the first part ffrauncis Dandy of Oakly Magna in the said County Clerke one other of the Executors of the said Alice Downes on the second part Samuell Cooke of Pitchley aforesaid gent one other of the Executors of the said Alice Downes of the third part and William Wasbourne of Witchenford in the County of Worc^{r} Esq and Richard Dowdeswell of Poole Court in the said County of Worc^{r} gent father-in-lawe and gardian of the said William Washbourne on the ffowerth parte witnesseth that whereas the said Alice Downes in her lifetyme did make her last will and testam^{t} in wrytinge bearinge date the two and twentieth day of ffebruary in the yeare of Our Lord one thousand six hundred ffifty and three and did thereby will and devise all her lands goods chattells stocke of cattle cropps of corne in Pitchley and Cransley in the said County of Northampton unto the said John Maunsell ffrauncis Dandy and Samuell Cooke theyre executors adm^{rs} and assignes for and dureinge the tearme of fforty yeares to comence and beginne from and ymeadiately after her decease to the intent and purpose that out of the rents yssues and profitts thereof they should yearely paye fforty pounds a yeare to the said William Washbourne her grandchilde untill hee should attayne the adge of one and twenty yeares and the residue of the said rents yssues and proffitts of her said lands goods and chattells should be ymployed for the dischargeinge her debts funerall expences and giveinge such mourninge apparrell as they should thinke fitt and for payeinge such anuities legacies portõns and bequests as were thereafter in her will expressed and appoynted and shee did thereby give unto her neece ana Piggott wife of Thomas Piggott twenty pounds by the yeare for her naturall life and she did give unto her grandaughter Mary Holland twenty pounds a yeare for her naturall life and after her decease the said twenty pounds p Anũ to be contynued to her eldest daughter then liveinge for and duringe her naturall life and shee did give to her nephues Charles Richard

Anthony Palmer to each of them tenne pounds by the yeare dureinge theyre naturall lives and shee did give to Richard Smyth and Widdowe Becke her servaunts two pounds a peece by the yeare for and dureinge theyre naturall lives and her will was that the said Samuell Cooke should have to him his executo^{rs} and assignes all her said lands in Cransley and all the proffits thereto belongeinge for the rent that was then paid for and duringe the tearme of yeares that any of the said anuities should be due to be paid to any of the p̃sons aforesaid and that they should receive theire anuities of Samuwell Cooke aforesaid out of her rents in Cransley aforesaid and shee did give to her grandaughter Elizabeth Leigh the some of ffower hundred pounds to be paid wthin one yeare after her decease and shee did give to Katherine and Elizabeth Wasbourne sisters of William Wasbourne aforesaid to every of them the sume of ffive hundred pounds and shee did give to Lucy Dandy wife of ffrauncis Dandy fforty pounds to her neece M^{rs} Page of London twenty pounds to the children of M^{rs} Holland aforesaid that were liveinge to every of them tenne pounds and shee did give to her neece M^{rs} Palmer to M^{r} Thomas Piggott and his sonne Robert Piggott and to M^{rs} Elkin of Northwell to every of them tenne pounds to the said M^{r} Palmers two daughters and to Chidley Piggott sonne of Thomas Piggott aforesaid to her nephew Henry Robinson esqr to M^{rs} Norton of Sherington to every of them ffive pounds a peece and shee gave to Anne Cooke wife of the said Samuell Cooke twenty pounds to Hañah Cooke the daughter of Anne Cooke three pounds to Allexander Wasborne of London ffower pounds to Goodwife Underwood three pounds to Elizabeth Brookes two pounds to Henry Meakins ffive pounds and shee gaue to every one of her servants a yeares wages besides what should be due to them at her decease and her will was that all her legacies should be paid wthin one yeare after her decease except the legacies of the sisters of William Washborne aforesaid w^{ch} should be paid when they did or should attayne theire adge of one and twenty yeares and her will was that all the rest of her goods and chattells her debts legacies and all other necessary expences beinge first discharged should be delivered by her said executors to her grandchilde William Wasbourne when hee should accomplish the full adge of one and twenty yeares and farther *shee did give and bequeath to the said William Washbourne all her lands in Pitchley and Cransley* her legacies and anuities to bee first performed as aforesaid for and duringe his naturall life and after his

decease to his first begotten sonne and to the heyres of his body to be begotten and for want of such yssue to his second begotten sonne and the heyres of his body w^th^ like benifitt to his third ffowerth ffifth sixth seventh eighth nynth and tenth sonne respectively and in order accordinge to theyre seniority and the severall and respective heyres of theyre bodyes and for want of such heyres of theyre bodyes her will was that the sisters of the said William Washbourne Katherine and Elizabeth should haue one ffowerth part of the said lands to them and the heyres of theyre bodyes and the said Mary Holland one ffowerth part to her and the heyres of her body and the said Elizabeth Leigh another ffowerth part to her and the heyres of her body and the said Robert Piggott one eighth part of her said lands to him and the heyres of his body and for want of such issue to the heyres of the body of the said Thomas Piggott and the said ffrauncis Palmer shall haue the remayninge eighth part of the p^r^misses to her and the heyres of her body *provided* nevertheles that if the said William Washbourne w^th^in one yeare after hee should accomplish his adge of one and twenty yeares should give such sufficient security to her executors and the survivor or survivors of them as they should like of that then the said lease for fforty yeares should cease and be utterly voyd and her will was that all the just debts of her grandsonne John Washbourne ffather of William Washbourne aforesaid should be paid out of the p^r^misses aforesaid when the said William Wasbourne should attayne his adge of one and twenty yeares and her will was that if there should be provision made any other way for porcõns for Katherin and Elizabeth sisters of William Washbourne aforesaid to the some of ffive hundred pounds apeece then her will was that Katherine and Elizabeth aforesaide should have to every of them but one hundred pounds to be paid when they should attayne theyre adge of one and twentye yeares and of this her last will and testam^t^ shee did nominate constitute and appoint the said John Maunsell ffrauncis Dandy and Samuell Cooke her executors desiringe theire best care and paynes in the execucõn thereof accordinge to the true intencõn of the same and for theire paines therein shee did give to every one of them tenne pounds and alsoe did will their reasonable costs and charges should be duly answered and allowed to every one of them out of her goods and w^th^ recompence of their travell *provided* always and her will was if there should arrise any difference question or doubt in anythinge in her said will and testam^t^ her will was that her

executors aforesaid should have full power to end and determine accordinge to theire discrecon of her meaninge and intencõn as in theire judgem^{t} they should thinke fitt and thereby shee did revoke all former wills reservinge to her selfe a power to dispose of any of her goods by word of mouth or wrytinge by way of addicõn to this her last will and testam^{t} w^{ch} was duely signed sealed and published by the said Alice Downes in the p^{e}sence of several wittnesses for her last will and testam^{t} and whereas the said Alice Downes did after makeinge the said will in wrytinge by word of mouth make some addicõn or codicell to her said will whereby shee gave severall legacyes and bequests to severall persons therein nominated w^{ch} said addicõn or codicell togeather wth the said will in wrytinge hath byn duly proved in the Prerogative Court for Probate of Wills by the said executors for and as the last will and testam^{t} of the said Alice Downes as by the same will and codicell relaton beinge thereunto had will plainely appeare *and whereas the said William Wasbourne is lately married to one of the daughters of the said Richard Dowdeswell who is elected and chosen by the said William Washbourne to be gardian to him the said William duringe his minoritye* and whereas the said John Maunsell ffrauncis Dandy and Samuell Cooke have sithence the death of the said Alice Downes paid and sattisfied severall debts w^{ch} the said Alice Downes did owe att the tyme of her death and alsoe severall of the legacies and anuityes given or bequeathed in or by the said last will and codicell or one of them and given and delivered a true and perfect accompt thereof and of all the receipts and disbursem^{ts} concerninge the p^{r}misses before recyted in wrytinge under the hands of them the said John Maunsell ffrauncis Dandy and Samuell Cooke unto the said Richard Dowdeswell and William Washbourne to theire good likeinge and contentm^{t} and the said Richard Dowdeswell and William Washbourne as a full manifestation thereof doe hereby declare and acknowledge that they have soe receved and accepted the same as done and acted accordinge to the purport of the said last will and testam^{t} and codicell thereunto annexed and whereas the said Richard Dowdeswell by reason of his newe relacon to the said William Washbourne and of his abilities and experience in things of this nature is conceived to be a fitt person to undertake and manage the trusts expressed in the said will w^{ch} att the request of the said William Washbourne hee is willing and contented to doe *now* therefore this indenture further wittnesseth that the said John Maunsell ffrauncis Dandy and Samuell

Cooke out of a hope and confidence that the said Richard Dowdeswell will justly and exactly performe and execute all the trusts and other things in and by the last will and testam^t^ aforesaid and codicell thereunto annexed to be done or performed and for avoydeinge the greate damadge and inconvenience w^ch^ may happen by the joynct trust reposed in the said executors as aforesaid by death breach of trust or other unskilfull mannadgem^t^ of the p^r^misses aforesaide have att the request of the said William Washbourne testefied by his beinge made a party to these p^r^sents given graunted assigned and sett over and by these p^r^sents doe and every of them doth give graunt assigne and set over unto the said Richard Dowdeswell all the said lands goods chattells stocke of cattle and cropps of corne before mentõned and all the estate right title interest trust property clayme and demand whatsoever of them the said John Maunsell ffrauncis Dandy and Samuell Cooke and every or any of them in and to the same and every or any part thereof togeather w^th^ the probate of the said will and all evidences and wrytings concerninge the p^r^misses (except and out of these p^r^sents alwayes reserved all such goods stock of cattle and corne of the said Alice Downes att the tyme of her death as have byn allready sold or disposed of by the said executors or any of them and expressed in theyre accompt before mentõned) *To Have* and to hold the said lands goods chattells stock of cattle and cropps of corne except before excepted unto the said Richard Dowdeswell his executo^rs^ adm^rs^ and assignes from henceforth for and duringe all the now residue of the said recyted tearme of fforty yeares yett to come and unexpired upon by and under the trusts provisoes clauses and agreem^ts^ in the said recyted will before mentõned and expressed and to and for the same uses intents and purposes as therein or thereby is declared and in as large ample and benificiall manner and forme as the said John Maunsell ffrauncis Dandy and Samuell Cooke or any of them theire or any of theyre executo^rs^ adm^rs^ and assignes or any of them may might should or ought to have hould or enjoy the said lands goods and p^r^misses or any part thereof in case these p^r^sents had never byn had or made and noe otherwise *and* the said Richard Dowdeswell doth by these p^r^sents for himself and his executo^rs^ adm^rs^ and assignes and for every of them covenñ^t^ promise and graunt to and w^th^ the said John Maunsell ffrancis Dandy and Samuell Cooke and every of them theire and every of their executo^rs^ and adm^rs^ and every of them that hee the said

Richard Dowdeswell his executo^{rs} administrato^{rs} and assignes or some of them shall and will from tyme to tyme and att all tymes hereafter save harmeles and keepe indempnified the said John Maunsell ffrauncis Dandy and Samuell Cooke theire heires executo^{rs} administrato^{rs} and assignes and every of them and theire and every of theire lands tenem^{ts} goods cattells and chattells of and from all and all manner of suits actõns losses damadges or expenses w^{ch} they or any of them shall susteyne beare undergoe or be put into for or by reason of these p^{r}sents or anything herein conteyned or for or by reason of any act or thing att any tyme hereafter to be had done made comitted or omitted by the said Richard Dowdeswell his heyres executo^{rs} adm^{rs} and assignes or any of them or by any other pson or psons lawfully claymeinge or hereafter lawfully to clayme from by or under him them or any of them or by force or vertue of these p^{r}sents or anything herein conteyned and the said John Maunsell ffrauncis Dandy and Samuell Cooke doe severally and respectively that is to say every of them only for himselfe and by himselfe his severall and respective executo^{rs} adm^{rs} and assignes and for soe much as concerneth or may concerne his owne act only and not one for another nor for any others act or acts doth severally and not joynctly covennt and graunt to and wth the said Richard Dowdeswell his executo^{rs} administrators and assignes and every of them that hee the said Richard Dowdeswell his heyres adm^{rs} and assignes and every of them shall or may from tyme to tyme and att all tymes hereafter by and under the trusts provisoes clauses and agreem^{ts} before mentõned in the said recited will and codicell and to the entents and purposes therein conteyned peaceably and quietly haue hold and enjoy the said lands goods chattells and p^{r}misses except before excepted wthout any lett deniall interuptõn molestatõn expulcõn disturbance entry clayme or evictõn of or by the said John Maunsell ffrauncis Dandy and Samuell Cooke or any of them theire or any of theyre executo^{rs} adm^{rs} and assignes or any of them and wthout any lawfull lett deniall interuptõn molestatoñ expulcõn disturbance entry clayme or evictõn of or by any other pson or psons lawfully claymeinge or hereafter lawfully to clayme from by or under them or any of them or by or under or by reason of theire or any of theire act meanes assent estate right tytle act procurem^{t} all such estate interest and power w^{ch} doth belonge or apperteyne unto the said Samuell Cooke in and to the lands and tenem^{ts} in Cransley aforesaid w^{ch} were held by the said Samuell Cooke and other tenñts att the death of the said

Alice Downes att for and under severall yearely rents amountinge in the whole unto threescore and twelve pounds sixe shillings and ffower pence reserved or allowed unto him by the purport and true meaninge of the said last will & testam^{t} whereby it is truly meant and intended and soe conceaved that hee the said Samuell Cooke his executo^{rs} adm^{rs} and assignes are to hold and enjoy all the same lands and tenem^{ts} att and for the said yearely rent of threescore and twelve pounds sixe shillings and ffower pence for and duringe soe long tyme as by the same last will and testam^{t} is lymitted or appoynted alwayes excepted and foreprised anythinge in these p^{r}sents conteyned to the contrary thereof in any wise notwthstandinge in wittnes whereof all the said partyes to every part of these indentures interchaingeablye as apperteyneth haue putt theyre hands and seales the day and yeare first above in these p^{r}sents written

John Maunsell
ffrancis Dandye } (seals gone)
Samuell Cooke
Will. Washbourne (seal)
Richard Dowdeswell (seal)

(On back of the deed)

Sealed and delived by the wthin named William Washbourne and Richard Dowdeswell in the p^{r}sence of

Charles Dowdeswell
George Jeyne
Edmund Cotterell
Thomas Leigh
John Simones

Sealed delivered by the within named John Maunsell ffrancis Dandy & Samuel Cooke in the p^{r}nce of us

John Courtman
Tho. Whitwell
John Simones

NOTE

COMPOUNDERS WITH PARLIAMENT

The following extracts may be of interest, showing how John Washbourne's half-brother, Littleton Clent, fared at Knightwick, and his father-in-law, William Childe, at Shrawley, and proving the long suspense,

loss, and inconvenience which faithful subjects had to undergo in the troublous times:—

16 March, 1652. *Littleton Clent*, co. Worcester.

Complains that though his father is living and he under age and without estate the County Committee for Worcester on false information have exhibited a charge of delinquency against him. Begs a copy of the charge and leave to examine witnesses. Granted.

6 May, 1652. County Committee to give him notice that publication will pass and the case be heard within a month if he offer nothing meantime.

8 Oct., 1659. The County Committee report that he is suspected of complicity in Sir G. Booth's rising: his father being dead, the estate has lately fallen on him.

11 Oct. His estate to be seized by the County Committee for Worcester.

21 Oct. The estate entered on accordingly.

(*Calendar of the Committee for Compounding*, p. 2973.)

15 Jan., 1650. *Wm. Child*, Shrawley, co. Worcester.

Certificate by the County Committee that before the surrender of Worcester he left his home and lived in the garrison, and his estate was seized: but on full hearing, the proof being insufficient, he was discharged.

Afterwards the County Committee was ordered to certify the case to the Committee for Sequestrations—

30 July, 1650. The County Committee are to proceed in his case according to instructions.

3 Aug. He complains that his small estate in the country has lately been detained by the County Committee, and begs its discharge as he was never sequestrable, or to have a certificate why they detain it.

3 Aug. The County Committee to certify the cause of sequestration and value of the estate.

3 Sept. The sequestration to be continued until further order on their report.

6 Nov. His petition missing, referred to Reading.

10 Dec. He petitions to compound if he be within the

Ordinance for sequestration, but he lived quietly at his house in Worcester, and though sequestered on a false information that he was a Commissioner of Array, no delinquency has been proved against him, though many witnesses have been examined.

10 Dec. Referred to Reading, and admitted to compound.

17 Dec. Fine at ⅓, £2058. 6. 8.

7 Jan., 1651. Having paid ⅓ his fine, begs a review, the fine being overset by £300, because part of the estate goes from him at his son's marriage. Begs also leave to sell woods cos. Hereford and Worcester, to pay the rest of the fine.

7 Jan. Referred to Reading for review as to life tenancy.

14 Jan. Fine reduced on review to £1861. 6. 8., and his bonds to be delivered on payment. The County Committee to certify as to his request for an allowance of £11 a year to Thoˢ Nash, from lands in King's Norton.

4 March. £16. 10 more reduced on proof that the £11 a year is a rent-charge.

3 June. The fine set at £2058. 6. 8. confirmed.

2 Dec., 1656. Certificate that Child's fine was confirmed 3 June, 1651, at £1840. 18. 8.

Claimant on the Estate

3 Feb., 1651. John Tilt, of Worcester, petitions that in Feb., 1650, he informed against Child, but although several depositions were taken against him, the sequestration was discharged, but again laid on by petitioner's prosecution by the County Committee, and also the Barons of Exchequer. Child's fine being now set, Tilt begs ⅓ thereof for the discovery. With query as to whether he discovered anything before the Committee for Advance of Money.

(*Calendar of the Committee for Compounding*, p. 2146.)

The claim of John Tilt throws an interesting sidelight on the state of things and on the way in which information was obtained.

(The Sequestration Commissioners for co. Worcester were John Latham of Hanley, Walter Giles of Wichenford, and Abel Richardson of Worcester, February 8th, 1649–50.)

The following compounders from Grazebrook's list show the loyalty displayed by West Worcestershire :—

	£	s.	d.
Berkeley, Sir Rowland, of Cotheridge, knt. .	2030	0	0
Bromley, Henry, of Holt Castle, esq. . .	4000	0	0
Child, William, of Shrawley, esq. . . .	1844	18	8
Evet, John, of Woodhall, gent. . . .	225	0	0
Hacket, Henry, of Grimley, gent. . . .	300	0	0
Sandis, Martin, of Ombersley, gent. . .	41	3	4
Washburn, John, Wichenford, gent. . .	797	10	0
Winford, Sir John, of Astley, knt. . . .	703	13	0

CHAPTER III

THE FAMILY OF LITTLE WASHBOURNE, WICHENFORD, AND PYTCHLEY

WILLIAM (16)

IT has been shown that the close connection of the family with Wichenford ceased with John (15) who fought at the Battle of Worcester in September, 1651, and whose wife, Elizabeth Child, was a widow in May, 1653. As they were married in June, 1639, their three children—William, Catharine, and Elizabeth—must have been under fourteen in 1653, and William consequently only a boy when on September 18th, 1655, he married at Bushley, near Tewkesbury, Susanna, daughter of Richard Dowdeswell,[1] a noted Royalist, by his wife, Anne, daughter of Sir Charles Pleydell, Knt., of Midge Hall, co. Wilts. She was baptized at Bushley June 14th, 1637, and

[1] DOWDESWELL, OF PULL COURT, BUSHLEY

This family, which has been seated in Worcestershire since 1560, probably derives its name from the place so called in the county of Gloucester, where a William de Dowdeswell was seated in the reign of Edward I. The immediate ancestor of the family before us, however, is John Dowdeswell, of Hill House, in the parish of Bushley, whose son Roger acquired considerable landed property by purchase, and married, April 16th, 1600, Martha, daughter of Richard Blomer, of Burthrop. He bought Hill House in 1606 and Pull Court in 1628. He was fined for declining the honour of knighthood at the coronation of Charles I., and was succeeded by his son, Richard Dowdeswell, a zealous loyalist during the Civil War and M.P. for Tewkesbury after the Restoration. His son William, high sheriff of Worcestershire in 29 Ch. II., was father of Richard, member in ten successive Parliaments for the

therefore was a little over eighteen at the time of her marriage.

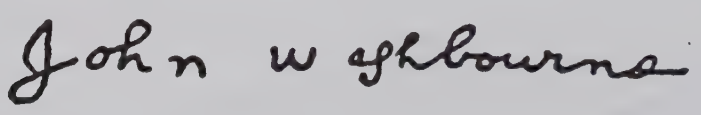
It has also been shown that William inherited from Alice Downes, his great-grandmother, her lands at Cransley, and also in Pytchley. In addition to these he owned the family properties in Knight's Washbourne and Bredon's Norton when he came of age in or about 1661; a deed of January 3rd, 13 Ch. II., proves this with regard to the former, and the sale of Norton, January 4th, 15 Ch. II., to William Hancock establishes his ownership of the latter. The determination of the lease of Westmancote for eight years granted by his mother to Robert Neend also coincided with his coming of age when apparently he came into possession of it. Wichenford also was his in the January of 13 Ch. II., so that he was a decidedly well-endowed young man.

The early years of the married life of the young couple were probably spent at Bushley under the eye of the bride's father, Richard Dowdeswell, the legal guardian of her husband during his minority, and there the first five of their children were baptized, and two of the five were buried; or possibly they lived at Knight's Washbourne only seven or eight miles away. Deeds in existence show that they had taken up their residence at Pytchley as early as the January of 15 Ch. II. (1663), that is to say some time before the death of Susannah's mother in 1668, and of her father in 1673.

borough of Tewkesbury, and high sheriff of Worcestershire in the second year of William and Mary. Richard's son, William, who also represented Tewkesbury in Parliament, and was high sheriff in 1727, was father, by Amie Hamond, his wife, of the Right Hon. William Dowdeswell, of Pull Court, M.P. and Chancellor of the Exchequer in 1765, which William was grandfather of William Dowdeswell, of Pull Court, sometime M.P. for Tewkesbury, and high sheriff of Worcestershire in 1855, whose eldest son, William Edward, was M.P. for West Worcestershire, and married Emily, second daughter of Sir Thomas Parkyns, Bart. He died without issue in 1893, and was succeeded by his brother, the Rev. Edmund Richard Dowdeswell, M.A., who survives, unmarried in 1907, as the last representative of the Dowdeswells of Pull Court, his youngest brother, Arthur Christopher, having died unmarried in 1898. (Communicated.)

They had a family of eight children, six being sons, and of those six four died young. Two, possibly three, of the last three children were baptized at Pytchley, as is shown in a manuscript volume written by Sir Justinian Isham, 5th baronet, and containing extracts from the old register now lost. The Rev. H. Isham Longden, rector of Heyford, has very kindly procured particulars of the two baptisms for this work.

1. Elizabeth, baptized at Bushley April 11th, 1657, married Francis Guy, of Isham, a village near Pytchley. The substance of the articles[1] dated December 22nd, 31 Ch. II., (1679) between her father and her intended husband is this: William Washbourne will, before June 29th next, as part of marriage provision, settle upon his daughter an annuity of £40, to be paid half-yearly, at Christmas and Midsummer, out of certain properties in Pytchley specified in the agreement; and Guy agrees before June 29th next to settle upon his bride for life the mansion house in which he lives, his water-mills, closes, etc., situated in Isham. The witnesses to the deed were John Clarke and John Washbourne, apparently Elizabeth's brother, who signs thus :—



She was buried at Pytchley, as is shown by the inscription on a stone in the chancel :—

Mrs. Elizabeth Guy,
the Daughter of William Washbourne, Esq.
was buried the 26th day of March, 1692.

2. William, baptized April 15th, 1658, at Bushley, and buried there July 26th.

[1] See p. 225.

3. John, baptized November 22nd, 1659, at Bushley, and buried there December 25th.

4. Susanna, baptized June 3rd, 1661, at Bushley, was living unmarried at Brigstock, co. Northampton, (as shown by indentures) on October 5th, 1703. (pp. 219, 222.)

5. John, baptized August 15th, 1665, at Bushley, was apparently the John whose stone in Pytchley chancel is thus inscribed :—

Here lieth the body of John Washbourne
Gent, Who was taken out of this
world y^e^ 16^th^ of January 1685

At death he would be over twenty, and makes a third of the four sons mentioned in the Money-Kyrle pedigree as dying young.[1]

6. William (17), the heir, baptized March 2nd, 1668–9, at Pytchley.

7. Another son, making the four who died young.

8. Richard, sixth son, baptized at Pytchley April 2nd, 1673, died in London December 23rd, 1704, and was buried there; but in 1711 his body was removed to Pytchley, where the register for 1711 records this removal from London and re-interment. A stone in the chancel is inscribed :—

Here lies Richard Washbourne,
the 6^th^ son of William Washbourne Esq^r^
and Susannah his wife
who departed this life
the 23^rd^ December 1704

By his will (now at Northampton) dated December 22nd, 1703, and proved October 2nd, 1705, he left £10 to the poor of each of the parishes of Cransley and Pytchley, and

[1] A "Mr. John Wasburn" was buried at Pytchley July 6th, 1699, a "Mr. Norman Washbourne" on November 5th, 1701, and a "Mrs. Constantia Washbourne" on August 7th, 1713, but who they were is not clear.

a house in Cransley to Mrs. Ann Harrison, of Rockingham.

All other my lands tenements hereditaments with the appurteñces scituate lying & being in Cransley, Archester, & Chester in the said county of Northton or elsewhere in the Kingdome of England I give & devise the same unto my dear & honoured Mother Mrs. Susannah Washbourne . . . all my money goods & personal estate I give to my said Mother whom I make sole Executrix of this my last will & Testament.

William the father, whose will was dated June 19th, 1699, was buried at Pytchley: no age is given on the stone to his memory within the altar rails thus inscribed:—

William Washbourne Esq:
was buried
the 11th day of August 1702.

Susanna his wife was also buried there, January 16th, 1712. Her will, dated December 30th, 1704, with codicil of December 27th, 1705, was at Northampton, but cannot now be found there.

As William was connected with Worcestershire by property, his name naturally appears in the *Bibliography of Worcestershire* among the Commissioners named in the Acts for the years 1660, 1661, 1663, 1664, 1665, 1666, 1672, 1677, and 1679.

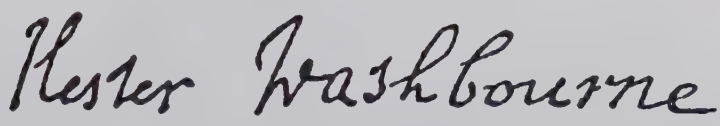
WILLIAM (17)

William, the second of Pytchley, who succeeded in 1702, was baptized March 2nd, 1668–9, as already stated. His marriage licence, granted June 13th, 1690, is thus worded:—

William Washbourne of Pitchly co. North^{ton} gent. about 21 bach. and M^{r}. Hester Ernle of Cransly in s^{d} co. sp. ab^{t} 15 with consent of her guardian Sir John Ernly, her parents being dead; at S^{t}. Edmund ye King or [ ]: also attested by W^{m}. Washbourne, Sen^{r} Esq^{r}.

The marriage took place June 16th, 1690, at St. Edmund's, Lombard Street, the bride being less than fourteen and a half years old, having been born on February 8th, 1675–6. She was only daughter of Sir John Ernle, Knt., of Bury Town, co. Wilts (who died 1686), by Vincentia, daughter of Sir John Kyrle, Bart., of Much Marcle, co. Hereford, and grand-daughter of Sir John Ernle, of Whetham, co. Wilts, Knight, and Chancellor of the Exchequer in the reigns of Charles II. and James II.

Hester's dowry was practically £4000. William Washbourne, her future father-in-law, was to receive on or before May 31st, 1690, a sum of £1000 from the executors of the will of her father, that sum being the legacy left her in that will. A further sum of £3000 was secured to William Washbourne, to be paid by Hester's grandfather: of it, £1000 was to be paid at or before the following Michaelmas, and £2000 at such times and in such manner as were expressed in another indenture of May 31st, 1690, which was a mortgage on Whetham for that sum payable on the death of the grandfather, Sir John Ernle, sen., and the discharge of Berry Town from all claims on the part of



Hester. These particulars are gathered from a deed of May 31st, 1690, by which William Washbourne the elder, in view of his son's marriage, settled the rectory of Pytchley on the issue of the marriage. (See Appendix No. 6.)

This indenture regulating the settlement of Pytchley Rectory (*not* the one bearing the same date containing the mortgage of Whetham to secure the £2000) speaks of

the intention to settle the rectory *among other things*. Included in them, apparently, was the Wichenford property, because on September 27th, 1695, William the younger made it over to George Dowdeswell for five years in return for his services in helping him to meet claims to the amount of £800. William the younger was then living at Pytchley, and the deed states that he was indebted to his father for a sum of £400 contracted by him for five years' board, together with that of his wife, children, and servants, and for a further sum of £200 for hay and provender supplied for his horses! (See pp. 185, 186.)

In 1712, after his father's death, he sold Wichenford Court to Edmund Skynner (High Sheriff of co. Wor., 1726), but before that, in 1 Anne, he had sold some land in Wichenford to Richard Longford, and in 8 Anne some to John Baxter. So ended the connection of the family with the parish which had lasted for twelve generations, extending over above three hundred years.

In the *Bibliography of Worcestershire* he appears in acts for the years 1702, 1705, 1707, 1710, and 1713. There are stones within the altar rails at Pytchley to him and his wife thus inscribed :—

Hester Washbourne
wife of William Washbourne, Esq :
died Oct. 7th 1723. [Buried Oct. 12]

William Washbourne Esq :
died May 26th 1726
aged 60. [Buried May 31]

There were ten children[1] of the marriage between William and Hester, four sons and six daughters. Unfortunately the Pytchley Register of baptisms is missing up to 1717, and therefore the order of their birth cannot

[1] Besides two who died as infants and whose burials are thus recorded at Pytchley :—
"1695. Dec. 22. William s. William & Ester Washbourne, Junr. Esq.
1697. Jan. 18. William s. William & Hester Washbourne."

be given, but Ernle was the eldest, being born February, 1690–1.

1. ERNLE, son and heir (see below).

2. Susannah, born and baptized July 13th, 1692, died unmarried, February 18th, 1763, at the age of seventy, and was buried February 25th, at Pytchley. Her will, dated July 1st, 1761, and proved in London, March 15th, 1763, is given at the end of this chapter. A stone within the altar rails at Pytchley is inscribed :—

Here lieth the body of
Susannah Washbourne
who departed this life
February 18th, 1763
aged 70.

3. Hester was married at Pytchley, February 19th, 1733–4, to David Soame,[1] of Kettering, who was living in 1743 but was dead in or before 1753. She lived to the ripe age of eighty-nine, dying August 4th, 1782, *s.p.*, and was buried August 7th, at Pytchley where her stone in the chancel records :—

M^rs Hester Soame widow
the daughter of William Washbourne Esq :
who died August 4^th 1782
aged 89.

4. Anne was married twice :—

First, at Pytchley, July 8th, 1721, to Robert Sheppard, of Calne, co. Wilts. Their married life was short, as letters of administration were granted to her January 15th, 1722.

[1] Ralph Soame, LL.B., of Trinity Hall, Cambridge, was ordained deacon by Bishop Gardiner, of Lincoln, on December 10th, 1704, and instituted by Bishop Kennet, of Peterboro', to the benefice of Brandeston, co. Northampton, October 14th, 1724, on the presentation of David and John Soame, of Kettering. The presentation to the living had been sold by deed of November 4th, 1708, for £450 to Ralph Soame, gent., of Kettering, by Benjamin Wright, of Daventry, gent.

David was executor under the will of his brother John, of Kettering, made November 22nd, 1733.

Secondly, at Kettering, January 3rd, 1743–4, to the Rev. Richard Washbourne[1] (erroneously given as William) of Edmonton, also of Broughton and of Great Harrowden, both in co. Northampton. Both were living at Edmonton in 1753. She died September 18th, 1757, leaving no family, and was buried at Pytchley on September 23rd, the register correctly describing her as wife of the Rev. Mr. Richard Washbourne, of Great Harrowden, and sister of Ernle.

[Stone in the Chancel.]
Mrs. Ann Washbourne
died September 18th 1757.

5. Mary, died February 9th, 1724–5, buried at Pytchley.

6. Vincentia, so called after her great-aunt Vincentia Kyrle, was unmarried when her uncle, John Kyrle Ernle,

[1] Richard Washbourne was educated at St. John's College, Cambridge. His entry in Scott's *Admissions* is :—

"1732. Ri. Washbourne, son of Wm. Washbourne clerk Middlesex born at Endfield, æt. 18." A note adds: "Wm. Washbourne the father was a m.c. sub-dean and succentor of St. Paul's Cathedral. He was also Vicar of Edmonton. He married Margaret dau. of Rev. Robert Uvedale LL.D. Rector of Orpington Kent & died in 1737. . . . Richard his son took Holy Orders. He mar. 5 Jan. 1744, when he is described as of Edmonton Middlesex, a sister of — Washbourne of Pytchley, esq. . . ."

Richard had a younger brother Robert, whose record is :—

"Washbourne Robert s. William of Enfield Middlesex cler. St. John's Coll. matric. 27 June 1738 aged 18. B.C.L. 1745 fellow 1738 until his death in 1745." (Al. Ox.)

He entered at Merchant Taylors' 1732. Born Nov. 27, 1719. Elected to St. John's Oxford 1738. B.C.L. 1745. Died Fellow 1749. (Merchant Taylors' Reg.)

The father of these two brothers, viz. Rev. Wm. Washbourne, the sub-dean of St. Paul's, was born in or about 1669. His entry in Al. Ox. is :—

"Washburne William s. G. (? Gul.) of Evenleigh Northants pp St. John's Coll. matric 17 July 1686 aged 17 B.A. 14 March 1703–4 M.A 6 July 1704 vicar of Ridge Herts 1692 10th minor canon 1700 junior cardinal and 3rd minor canon 1703 and sub-dean or 1st minor canon of St. Paul's 1733 : vicar of Edmonton Middlesex 1706."

Who this G. (? Gul.) Washbourne, the father of the sub-dean and grandfather of Richard and Robert, was is not clear, as the Evenleigh Records do not begin till 1694. It seems probable that these Evenleigh and Edmonton Washbournes were descendants of Robert, the merchant, of London (p. 79); clearly they were not of the main male line.

In Ernle Washbourne's will, a Richard, son of Goodwin Washbourne, of St. Ann's Lane, Westminster, is mentioned as inheritor under certain contingencies of his estate. This Richard apparently was the Rev. Richard whom Anne married four months after her brother Ernle's death, and who is described inaccurately as son of Goodwin instead of grandson. It may have been owing to Anne's interest under the will and Richard's contingent interest under it that this marriage, of which there was no issue, came to pass.

of Whetham, made his will, July 16th, 1719, leaving her £500. Some time before August 16th, 1726, she was married to Richard Lloyd, of the county borough of Carmarthen, who died before December 20th, 1731, an indenture of which date speaks of her as a widow living in the parish of St. George, Queen's Square, Middlesex. She died before 1738, in the lifetime of her brother Ernle.

7. ELIZABETH was married at Bromyard, co. Hereford, to Francis Money, of Wellingborough, on October 1st, 1723, six days before the death of her mother. Whether the news of the marriage hastened that death, proving a shock of joy or sorrow, is not clear. Neither is it clear why the marriage took place so far away from Pytchley, but it seems probable that the bride-elect was on a visit to members of the Dabitott family, into which her great-aunt Catharine had married sixty years before, and which was still represented in the Bromyard district. The register describes her as of Stretton Grandison, a village about eight miles away from Bromyard as the crow flies, at the time of her marriage.

She died March 2nd, 1725–6, leaving[1] a son James, and was buried March 5th at Wellingborough.

8. Richard, buried at Pytchley May 25th, 1700.

9. William, buried at Pytchley April, 1707.

10. Norman, born May, 1705, died October 24th, 1712.

The father, William, died without a will,[2] and letters of administration were granted October, 1726, to Ernle.

ERNLE (18)

Ernle, born February 19th, and baptized February 22nd, 1690–1, died unmarried September 4th, 1743, aged fifty-

[1] A daughter, Mary, was baptized and buried in September, 1725, at Wellingborough.

[2] See pp. 183, 184.

three. He was buried at Pytchley September 14th, where a stone within the altar rails is inscribed :—

Ernle Washbourne, Esq :
died September 4th 1743
Aged 53

Mr. Peach says (p. 5) that he died in St. James' Street, Westminster, and that his corpse was brought with great pomp and solemnity to Northampton, where it lay in state all night at the Red Lion Hotel, whence next morning it was removed to Pytchley for burial.

Such ceremony was very suitable in the case of Ernle, 18th in descent from the Sir Roger of the thirteenth century, the first in the pedigrees, for with him the main male line of the family came to an end after a long and honourable record of nearly five hundred years. As shown above, his three brothers died young, and of his six sisters, though four of them were married, only one had any family, viz. Elizabeth, whose son, Lieut.-Colonel Money, thus became the representative of the main line of the Washbournes after the death of Hester Soame, the last surviving sister of his mother.

Fifth in descent from Elizabeth Washbourne and Francis Money comes Major Money-Kyrle, of Homme House, Herefordshire, and Whetham, co. Wilts, who can thus claim an unbroken descent in the twenty-third generation from Sir Roger Washbourne with whom the family pedigree begins, and who has thus the honourable distinction of being the representative of the main male line. Chapter IV will deal with his descent from Elizabeth Washbourne, and show how he is also the representative of the Kyrles of Homme House in Much Marcle, and of the Ernles of Whetham.

This chapter may well close with Ernle's will disposing of the Washbourne properties ; that is to say, of Knight's Washbourne in Worcestershire, and of the Pytchley and

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Cransley lands in Northamptonshire which came in, it will be remembered, with Alice Robinson. (The Norton lands had been sold to the Hancocks in 1663, and Wichenford to the Skynners in 1712.) It will be seen that, leaving a small legacy and annuity to his nephew, James Money, he bequeathed his property to his three sisters, Susannah, Hester (Soame), and Ann (Sheppard, afterwards Ann Washbourne), in equal shares for their lives, with remainder to their heirs male. In the event of either one or two of them leaving no heirs male the whole was to go to the last liver of the three sisters and her heirs male, and in the event of the three sisters leaving no issue at all, "Richard Washbourne, son of Goodwin Washbourne, of Saint Ann's Lane, Westminster," was to inherit, with remainder to his heirs male. If Richard had no heirs male of his body the property was to go to John Robinson the younger, son of John Robinson the elder, esquire, of Cransley, and his heirs for ever. Neither of these three sisters of Ernle left any child. There is extant an interesting indenture,[1] dated six months after Ernle's death, by which the three sisters, together with David Soame and the Rev. Richard Washbourne, let to Timothy Shury for eighteen years, at a rent of £225, the old family property of Little Washbourne. The history of the estate subsequently to 1782, when Hester, the last of the three, died, is foreign to this work, but presumably it passed to the Robinsons.

There was, however, some Washbourne property in Northamptonshire which, not belonging to Ernle, passed to the Moneys and remained in the Money-Kyrle family till about forty years ago. Possibly this was the real estate alluded to in the will of and devised by Susanna, Ernle's sister, to William Money, and the thought occurs that it may have been that left by Richard, who died 1704,

[1] See Appendix No. 7, pp. 219, 220.

to his mother Susanna Dowdeswell, who may have in turn bequeathed it to her eldest grand-daughter and namesake.

WILL OF ERNLE WASHBOURNE

(Proved 1743)

In the name of God Amen I Ernle Washbourne of Pytchley in the County of Northampton Esquire revoking all others make this my last will desiring to be buried at Pytchley aforesaid at the discretion of my Executors hereinafter named in a plain and decent manner the Pall being carried by six of my Neighbours and Friends who I desire may have Rings And for the Disposition of the Estate Real and Personal with which God hath blessed me in the first place I charge the same with all my Debts and Legacies and I give and devise to my Nephew James Money twenty pounds yearly for his Life to Elizabeth Dix wife of Thomas Dix five pounds yearly for her Life and to my trusty Servant John Lane five pounds yearly for his Life in case he shall be in my Service at my death to be issuing and going out of all my Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments in the Counties of Northampton and Worcester and elsewhere (other than the House hereinafter given and devised to the said Elizabeth Dix for her Life) and payable at Lady Day and Michaelmas Day by even and equal Portions and without any Deduction for Taxes or other Matter or Thing whatsoever the first payment thereof to begin at such of the said Feasts as shall next happen after my decease. . . . Item I give and devise one undivided third part of all and singular the said Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments charged as aforesaid and subject to the Devise of the house to the said Elizabeth Dix hereinafter mentioned unto my Sister Susanna Washbourne and her assigns for her Life and after the determination of that Estate to Sir Edmund Isham of Lamport in the said County of Northampton Baronet Sir John Dolben of Finedon in the said county of Northampton Baronet and John Robinson the elder of Cransly in the said County of Northampton Esquire and their Heirs for and during the Life of the said Susanna Washbourne In Trust only to preserve the contingent Remainders and from and immediately after the death of my said Sister Susanna to the first son of the Body of my said Sister Susanna and the Heirs Male of his Body and for want of such issue to the second

and every other the Sons of my said Sister Susanna severall and successively and the Heirs Males of their Bodies the elder of such Sons and the Heirs Males of his Body to be preferred before the younger of such Sons and the Heirs Male of his Body Item I give and devise one other undivided third part of all and singular the said Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments charged as aforesaid and subject to the Devise of the House to the said Elizabeth Dix as hereinafter mentioned unto my Sister Hester Haines[1] and her assigns for her Life And after the determination of that Estate to the said Sir Edmund Isham S^r^ John Dolben and John Robinson and their heirs for and during the Life of the said Hester Haines[1] In Trust only to preserve the contingent Remainders and from and after the death of my said Sister Hester To the first Son of the Body of my said Sister Hester and the Heirs Male of his Body and for want of such Issue to the second and every other the Sons of my said Sister Hester several and successively and the Heirs Male of their Bodies the elder of such Sons and the Heirs male of his Body to be preferred before the Younger of such Sons and the Heirs Male of his Body Item I give and devise the other undivided third part of all and singular the said Messuages Lands Tenements and Hereditaments charged as aforesaid and subject to the Devise of the said House to the said Elizabeth Dix as is hereinafter mentioned unto my Sister Ann Shephard and her assigns for her Life And after the Determination of that Estate to the said S^r^ Edmund Isham Sir John Dolben and John Robinson and their Heirs for and during the Life of the said Ann Shephard In Trust to preserve the Contingent Remainders and from and after the death of my said Sister Ann to the first Son of the Body of my said Sister Ann and the Heirs male of his Body and for want of such Issue to the second and every other the Sons of my said Sister Ann severally and successively and the Heirs Male of their Bodies the elder of such Sons and the Heirs Male of his Body to be preferred before the younger of such Sons and the Heirs Male of his Body And for want of such Issue Male of anyone of my said Sisters Susanna Hester and Ann to her third undivided part to the other of my said Sisters Susanna Hester or Ann for their Lives as Tenants in Common Remainder to my said Trustees and their Heirs during the respective Lives of my said other Sisters and after their respective death to the first and every other Son and Sons of my said

[1] Evidently a copyist's slip for Soame.

Sisters in tail Male successively—and for want of Issue Male of either of my said Sisters to the other of my said Sisters for her Life Remainder to my said Trustees and their Heirs during her life to preserve the contingent Remainders and after her death to the first and every other her Sons in Tail Male successively—and for want of Issue male of all my said Sisters to all and every the Daughters of my said Sisters Susanna Hester and Ann and the Heirs of their Bodies as Tenants in Common and not as joint Tenants and for want of Issue of any the Daughters of my said Sisters to the others or other of the daughters of my said Sisters and the Heirs of their or her Body and for want of such Issue to Richard Washbourne Son of Goodwin Washbourne of Saint Anns Lane Westminster and his Assigns for his life And after the determination of that Estate To my said Trustees and their Heirs for and during the life of the said Richard Washbourne In Trust only to preserve the contingent Remainders and from and after his death to the first and every other sons of the said Richard Washbourne severally and successively and the Heirs male of their Bodies the elder of such Sons and the Heirs Male of his Body to be preferred before the younger of such sons and the Heirs Males of his Body And for want of such Issue Male to John Robinson the younger son of the abovenamed John Robinson the elder his heirs and assigns for ever. And my Will is that all and every the Son and Sons of my said sisters Susanna Hester and Ann and the Heirs Male of their Bodies when and so soon as they shall be in possession of all or any part of the said Messuages Lands and Tenements by virtue of these presents shall take upon them and use the name of WASHBOURNE in lieu and stead of their own Surnames and that in default thereof the Estate to them hereby given shall cease and be void for the benefit of such person or persons who by virtue hereof shall be entitled to the next and immediate Remainder of and in the Premises ITEM in consideration of the long and faithful service of the said Elizabeth Dix to my Family I give devise and confirm to her as much as in my power lies the Messuage or Tenement in Pytchley aforesaid in which she lives for her life ITEM I give to my said nephew James Money one hundred pounds to the end my Executors may therewith or with some part thereof according to their Discretion bind out the said James Money to some Trade or otherwise during the Minority of the said James Money disburse the same to and for the benefit of the said James Money as they shall think proper or otherwise pay

the same or such part thereof as they have not paid or disposed of as aforesaid to the said James Money when he shall attain the age of twenty one years ITEM I give to the said John Lane the sum of five pounds and also I give to him the further sum of five pounds if he shall live with me at my death and also five pounds apeice to every other my Servants who shall live with me at my death and mourning to all or any my Servants at the Discretion of my Executors. ITEM I give to the poor of Pytchley ten pounds to be distributed at the Discretion of my Executors. AND WHEREAS I am possessed of or intitled to a considerable Personal Estate consisting as well of Money in the Stocks or Funds as Plate Jewells Goods and Chattels of several kinds I make the said Sir Edmund Isham Sir John Dolben and John Robinson the elder my Executors and I give to such of them who shall take upon them the Execution of this my Will and the Trust in them hereinafter mentioned and reposed twenty Guineas apeice for their trouble and pains therein and my Will and Desire is that my said Executors shall and may as soon as conveniently may be after my death pay all my Debts Funeral Expences and Legacies hereinbefore given and such further legacies as I shall by my Codicil or Note in writing under my Hand give to any person or persons and afterwards reduce all the Residue of my said personal Estate into Moneys and the same after all their Expences and Charges first deducted lay out in one or more Purchase or Purchases of Freehold Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments and settle the same to the same use or uses as I have hereinbefore given and devised my said Estates in the Counties of Northampton and Worcester or as near the same as by reason of death or other contingencies may be And in such parts and proportions as my said Estates in the Counties of Northampton and Worcester are hereinbefore given And my Will is that my said Executors or the Survivor of them shall and may by and with the consent of my said Sisters or such of them as shall then be living place out at Interest all or any part of the said Surplus of my personal Estate until such purchase or Purchases can be made pay and apply the Interest thereof and the produce of Surplus to the same person or persons as should and would be intitled to the Rents and profits of such Messuages Lands and Tenements if the same had been purchased and settled as aforesaid. And my Will is that my said Trustees or any of them their Executors or Administrators shall not be answerable for any Loss or Miscarriage not occasioned by their own wilfull default

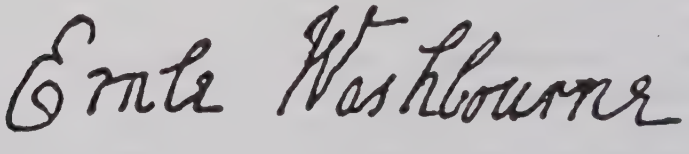
nor shall be answerable the one for the other or for more money than shall actually come to their Hands.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this 22nd day of January in the year of our Lord 1738.

ERNLE WASHBOURNE. Witnesses Knightly D'Anvers
R^d Prosser of Oxford Road
Vintner
Edw^d Wood of Crown Court,
Chancery Lane scrivener

Proved at London 23 November 1743

Ernle's signature in 1711 :—



NOTE I

WILL OF SUSANNA (SISTER OF ERNLE)

In the name of God Amen—I Susanna Washbourne of Pichley in the County of Northampton Spinster being of sound and disposing Mind and Memory, Blessed be God for the same do make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form following that is to say I desire to be buried in the family vault at Pichley aforesaid in a decent manner at the discretion of my Executor hereinafter named and as for and concerning all my worldly Estate which it hath pleased God to bestow on me I dispose thereof in manner as hereinafter mentioned I give devise and bequeath all my Lands Tenements and Hereditaments and all other my Real Estate whatsoever and wheresoever whether in Possession Reversion Remainder or Expectancy, and all Right and Title Interest Property Claim and Demand of in and to the premisses or to such or any other Real Estates as aforesaid unto William Money, eldest son of Captain James Money his heirs and assigns for ever. Item I give and bequeath unto my Maid Servant Ann Satchell in case she shall be living with me at the time of my decease the sum of £100, also I give her the following

things to wit the little Green Bed which she lies in with four pairs of Sheets and every thing belonging to it, a small chest of Drawers standing in my Room a little Looking Glass in the same my Great Kettle a Wheel my Great pot a Jack a small Tea Chest used below stairs with several other small utensils at the discretion of my Executor to the value of £10. Item I give and bequeath my Diamond Ring given me by Mrs Perkins and my small Hoop Ring set round with Rubies unto Mrs Eugene Money wife of Captain James Money. Item I give and bequeath my Diamond Ring which I usually wear on my little finger unto Mrs Hensman wife of Mr Hensman of Pichley aforesaid, Item I give and bequeath a Mourning Ring of the value of five Guineas unto my Brother in Law the Reverend Mr. Richard Washbourne, Item I give and bequeath the use of my Best Diamond Ear Rings and the several Trinkets belonging unto my Gold Watch except the family Seal unto my sister Hester Soames to be by her used and worn during her life and after her decease I give and bequeath the said Diamond Ear Rings and Trinkets unto my God Daughter Miss Cooke absolutely. Item I give and bequeath my Ring with Queen Anne's Hair in it my Gold Snuff Box which was my Brothers and one five Guinea piece unto my Nephew Captain James Money. Item I give and bequeath two three pound twelve pieces unto George Money one of the sons of the said Captain James Money, Item I give and bequeath one other three pound twelve piece unto Edward Money another Son of the said Captain Money, Item I give and bequeath £5 to be distributed and paid by my Executor in such manner as he shall think meet unto and amongst the poor inhabitants of the parish of Pichley aforesaid, Item I bequeath one Guinea unto each of my Servants who shall be living with me at the time of my decease, Item I give and bequeath all the Rest Residue and Remainder of my Personal Estate of what nature or kind soever I shall die possessed of or entitled unto whether the same shall happen to consist of Mortgages Stocks in the Funds ready Money Bills Bonds Notes or otherwise howsoever unto the said William Money hereinbefore named Eldest son of Captain James Money and to his Executors administrators and assigns. Lastly I do constitute and appoint my said nephew Captain James Money, now of Colonel Stuart's Regiment sole Executor of this my last Will and Testament and do hereby revoke all former and other Wills and Testaments by me at any time heretofore made. In witness

whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal this first day of July in the year of our Lord 1761.

S. WASHBOURNE. Signed sealed published and declared by the said Testatrix as and for her last Will and Testament in the presence of us who in her presence and at her Request and in the presence of each other have hereunto set our Names

R. Washbourne, John Lane, A. Satchwell.

My Will and Desire further is that whatever I may think fitt to annex to this my last will may be deemed and looked upon as part of the same as a Codicil I mean it, and that it should be as strictly observed by my Executor & administrator as if mentioned in the Body of this my last Will & Testament, viz: I do give and bequeath to my maid Ann Satchwell (if she be living with me at the time of my decease) all my Wearing Apparel, likewise I order to my Bearers one Guinea each. Pichley June the 5th 1761.

S. WASHBOURNE. Witness, James Money

Proved 15 March 1763

NOTE II

FAMILY LETTERS (1703–11), ETC.

There are in Major Money-Kyrle's possession six letters addressed to John Kyrle Ernle which may be of interest as showing a style of correspondence which has long since passed away between near relatives. They are folded and sealed and addressed: "For John Kyrle Ernle Esq. at his house at Whetham in Wiltshire," to which is added: "to be put in the Calne bag, by way of London." Four are written by his sister, Hester Washbourne, of whom we get a vivid impression, as a warm-hearted, anxious, delicate woman; one by her husband; and one by their son Ernle. They are sent apparently from Pytchley. The affection and gratitude of the sister for her only brother nine years younger than herself are very

marked. The following are extracts, with a few verbal alterations :—

(1) November 15th, 1703. Hester writes :—

Though very ill I must tell you, my dear brother, I think Fernham has made you forget me. This is my fourth letter to your one. I hope you have received mine which my spouse directed to Fernham. "Out of sight out of mind" with my dear brother I fear I am, or my often impertinence in this way displeases you. Pray put me out of my doubts and let me enjoy the satisfaction of hearing from you. I am sure I have been very ill since I wrote last and am very indifferent now: pray God grant it may end well. I have all the comforts I can wish, if please God I were well, but all in His good time. My spouse is most extremely kind and affectionate to me and I shall want for nothing he can help me to. He reads good books to me, and is as I wish. He expresses a great deal of affection for you which does not a little oblige me. He dines at Sir J. (?) Ishams to-day and is not come home yet. I think often of you dear S^r^ tho' you do not of me I believe, and hope to live to see you here if God pleases. Y^e^ Cransley lady is wonderfully kind in sending often to see me and express great concern for my illness, and offers me and my spouse y^t^ if she or hers can be serviceable to us in any respect, none should be more ready, but we have not yet embraced the offer. I hope you will love y^r^ little godchild if please God we live, for none will be gossip you except against. . . . I hear you are much talked of in town for y^r^ extraordinary wise management in entertaining the Queen. I am happy in having so prudent a brother. I desire my service to M^rs^. Goldsmith and her sister. This with my service and all due thanks to my dearest Brother, concluding this from y^r^ most affectionate sister, H. Washbourne.

My dearest brother I hope this will find you better than it leaves me.

The allusion is to the fact that her brother entertained Queen Anne at Whetham on her way, it is believed, to the baths at Bath.

(2) September 5th, 1708. She writes :—

Dearest Brother,—I hope this will find you in perfect health which I shall be very glad to hear: I bless God. I am indifferent: I have tried for an ass but this country will not afford me one: I am advised to drink the milk and I hope I shall get rid of the

rheumatism humour which runs about me. . . . I have long wished for the honour of seeing you here, dear brother, but you give me no hopes of it, but it may be it is wholly indifferent to you whether ever you see our faces again. This, with our very humble service and respects to your self and Lady, concludes this from Dear S^{r}, y^{r} affectionate sister and very humble servant, H. Washbourne.

(3) The next, on October 25th, 1708, is from her husband :—

Your sister after a very dangerous fall is pretty well recovered again, but I do assure you I thought it would have killed her. It has quite spoiled her for a horsewoman. I hope you continue well after Doc^{r} Ratcliff's prescription, who I hear by everybody is a very good physician. Whatever troubles we run through in this world, if we have but our share in health we may very well bear it, though very difficult otherwise. I hope in your house and country you find a healthy time, though in ours very much to y^{e} contrary, for we have a dangerous fever that is very catching and goes about everywhere and kills a great many people. I am afraid my daughter Betty lies ill of it at this time but hope in God she may do well again. I hope your next which I desire your favour of will give us an account of your and your family's health, for there's nobody wishes more prosperity to you than, Dear S^{r}, your most affectionate brother and faithful humble servant, W^{m} Washbourn.

We all join in our humble Duty and Service.

S^{r}, if it be any ways convenient to you you would do me y^{e} greatest kindness in y^{e} world to help me to some of my monies between this and Xmas.

(4) October 15th, 1710 :—

Your unlimited bounty to me and mine and kind concern in my affairs, give my life an ease and, if I am to leave it, a serenity to my mind, being convinced I am blessed with one of the best of friends who will think of my poor flock of young ones. I had this week a warning to remind me of my latter end, which indeed no day ought to pass without. On Monday I rose well, and M^{r}. Washbourne & I dined at M^{r}. Sawyer's where I fell so ill I could not sit out dinner and came home after an ague fit and a vomiting nature? I hope has carried off the fever that it was tending to. I had D^{r}. Farrer. Here a very sudden fever to kill

goes about so that Mr. Washbourne was afraid for me. . . . My son's letter came very acceptable to me and I think helped to make me better by hearing of your good health and pleasant journeys. I hope now he will ever love his mother, her brother being so good to him to do more than an own parent for him. I have often in my mind the great advantages my dear sons have from my dearest brother, and the great charity & satisfaction 'tis to me the great things you do for them. I hope Ernle will have a dutiful sense of it, and that he behaves himself well are my wishes. I hope now to live to see him happily settled. How I do long for a pleasing letter from Mr. Shepard.[1] I presume to ask if he saw the new house at Witchenford. I suppose he was with you at Worcester. . . . My dear brother, let me hear from you: 'tis really a reviving of my spirits one kind word from you so perfectly is it out of my power to anyways show any love and heart to you: nothing more than empty expressions can in my mean way utter itself. I wish I could do it in other ways. . . .

The letter ends :—

Dr Sr, pardon my rambling account of things & accept of the affection & humble services from Mr Washbourne & myself with children's duty, and believe me to be, dearest brother, your most loving sister & obedient dutiful humble servant

Hester Washbourne.

(5) The next letter, ten days later, October 25th, 1710, together with the following one from Ernle, are of interest as dealing with circumstances that led to the sale of Wichenford :—

I received a letter to-night from my dearest brother and though 11 o'clock I can't sleep till I have returned thanks for the favour of it. I am sorry my letter written so long ago had not been burnt, for my spouse has been greatly vexed I ever mentioned the rotten mare and says he hopes you will sooner let her be knocked on the head than that he should ever have her home again, and he says he is obliged to you that you would keep her and he has chid me for my foolish scribbling which, I must do him justice, he never sees: he now is asleep and my folly ought to rest on my own head. I humbly beg you, my dear brother, to pardon and forgive all I commit to you. The fear you are angry makes

[1] Probably the Robert Sheppard who afterwards married Hester's daughter, Anne (p. 167).

me write this with tears, and Mr. Shepeard will tell you I am in trouble enough, want of health often and such entangled affairs. I trust still in God. I am very glad to hear you are all well, and pray, Sr, who stands for Caln? A great fluster to-day came to spouse that tho' ye county Election is to-morrow Sr John Pickering a grand Whig will oppose: if so for ye good of ye public Mr. Washbourne has the promise of 5 hundred to attend him at a minute's warning this day sent to them and never stirred before nor will move now unless the opposition is declared to-morrow. I hope 'tis only feared & none will be: it made me smile to see some passages of requests to Mr. Washbourne wch I will hereafter mention. I hope my dear brother will quickly set my poor mind easy again: ye ugly mare cost Mr. W. but 18 pound: he is so angry he won't hear her name, and she proved judgish? for running & I am perplexed I named her ever again. I would not do anything to offend knowingly were you not my brother to whom I am so much obliged, & so meanly too. I owe my very satisfaction to you, Sir, as well as affection to so dear a brother, and seldom miss a day talking over the great helps you do for us in keeping our children, and all we beg more is but to let matters be fixed at Spring about which I have twice written to Mr. Shepard. . . . I beg ye acceptance of my humble thankfulness for all ye goodness to me and mine and service to my sister. I am with all respect my dearest brother's most affectionate humble and obliged sister; H. Washbourne.

Then follows the quaint postscript of the anxious mother :—

I desire Ernle to wash his hands in beaten mustard seed and wash his teeth with the ashes of vines. I never saw so white teeth as that made nor hands. And a little mirr & claret once in a week or fortnight to hold in his mouth a little while. I hope for pardon: I mention this so rudely.

(6) Ernle, then about twenty, writes March 28th, 1711:—

Honoured Sir, Give me leave to begin my letter with what I shall never make an end of, for so long as I can hold a pen in my hand and a heart in my breast, I mean my most humble duty & thanks for all obligations, particularly for the charitable favour you were pleased to confer on me in troubling yourself to take care of our family concerns, for I have no other friend but

you, S^r^, in this affair. I hope now y^e^ Wichinford Estate will be sold, for we had a letter since Father went from M^r^. Jervis to desire y^e^ first refusal of it. With y^e^ grace of God I hope there will be a conclusion to our unhappy business, and that it may be a warning to me never to get into y^e^ like. We had a very pressing letter from Sir Edward Gooder for his monies. I do not wonder at it if what he says is true that his occasions have obliged him to take it up at six per cent. It will be to my great satisfaction, S^r^., to hear this has found you in good health which is the sincere prayer to God it may of, Honoured Sir,

Yo^r^ affectionate and most obedient nephew

Ernle Washbourne

I beg my Aunt's acceptance of my humble duty.

The financial difficulties alluded to seem to have been a temporary lack of funds, for that the family were well off is proved by their possessions in Pytchley, Wichenford, and Little Washbourne. Apparently the rebuilding of Wichenford Court had been undertaken without careful counting of the cost and with borrowed money, the calling-in of which resulted in the sale of the property in 1712.

Besides these six letters there are two old papers of interest. The first is in Hester's writing:—

My dear Child Norman Washbourne was borne in May 1705: he dyed on a Friday y^e^ 24 of Oct: 1712 aged seven years & five months at 12 o'clock in the night: he is worthy of remembrance for God Almighty favoured his sickness with a signal honour of heavenly music to sound from him which many are witness to that heard it who watched with him y^e^ week he lay ill: it was only heard at nights, which ever ought to be remembered by his parents.

To the Gracious God that gave us all our beings
May I resign myself & mine.

The other consists of funeral directions written by or for William Washbourne, that is to say, William (17) the father of Ernle. It is not dated, but was probably written after the accession of George I. in the days of

Jacobite plots. It is endorsed on the back in a later hand: "Mr. Washbourne's last will."

When I die to be Buried only by the prayers of the Church of England to have Mr Wake of Wolgrave Mr Hays of old Mr Lynes of Brixworth Mr York of Cullworth, and Mr Wallton of findon to goe with me to church, and to be carried by my own servants or if have been soe, if they goe to church: and each of the abovementioned Gentlemen to have a Guinea each to buy a ring and to put upon them, God preserve ye church, and desire one of these Gentlemen to read the Burial of ye dead with a great deal of deliberation, and to send for four persons that understand singing to begin at the portch steps and sing this Anthem:—

The Eighteenth psalm, my song shall be allways of ye Loving Kindness of the Lord till ye corps come to ye church gate: and affter ye Buriall is over to have it sung agen over my Grave: and to have a Guinea each with ye same motto of ye other rings but be sure to have every person hearty for ye Church of England that is concearned in this Ceremony.

In ye wall over my Grave this Inscription,

Here lies W Washbourne Esqe buried on such a day of ye month ye yeare of our Lord, who was a person who allways feard God, and highely honoured his holy church and all the ceremonys thereof: with a due and just Respect for his Lawfull King, not considering his Religion, for all Christians ought to be obedient in this manner without the great displeasure of ye eternal God which is to be seen by the 13th of Romans which yõl finde in them words is down Right Damnation and whoso ever Resisteth theire Lawfull King, breaks ye very oath of God. Therfore ye best councel I can give you is to Render unto Cæsar ye things yt are Cæsars and unto God the things yt are Gods and to remember Dathan Cora and Abirom, and all other parts of ye holly scripture that may be for ye good of yor souls.

NOTE III

WICHENFORD COURT AND ITS TRADITIONS

The amount of land in Wichenford which the Washbournes owned, in addition to the Court, is not clear. Nash (ii. 458) says: "The Woodhouse was bought by Mr.

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Baxter, senior, of Mr. Walker, of Worcester. It was once, with many other estates in this county, the property of the Washborne's, whose ancestors had it of the Pohers by marriage. . . . Wichenford Court, which was part of their estate, came about the time of Henry IV to Norman Washbourn." In the Tithe Apportionment Deed of 1838 the Woodhouse, then the property of Lord Ward, is given as containing 269 acres, and the Court property, then owned by George Skinner Woodroffe, as 316 acres. This makes a total of 585 acres.

The house at the Court was originally much larger than it is now. Noake, in his *Guide to Worcestershire*, p. 353, says it was "one of the largest mansions in the county with moat, drawbridge, etc."; and Niven, in his *Illustrations of Old Worcestershire Houses*, says: "The interior of the house appears to be of rather older date than the exterior brick casing." The timbers in the roof are a proof of the latter statement, and the fact that considerable foundations have been met with in the garden and orchard testifies to the house having covered more space than it does at present. In a letter of October 15th, 1710, Hester Washbourne, wife of the then owner, asks her brother whether Mr. Sheppard when at Worcester went to see "the new house at Witchenford." It is thus safe to suggest that the time when the Court was reconstructed in its present form was the time of Queen Anne and shortly before 1712 when the property was sold to Edmund Skynner. Possibly it was a little earlier, and parts of the old house were used up in the erection of the new barn which the indentures of 1695 agreed should be built and finished by 1697.

The following indentures of that period may be of interest to the present-day dwellers in Wichenford:—

Two indentures of September 27th, 1695, between William Washbourne, jun., of Pytchley, gent., and George Dowdeswell, Esq., of Guarlford Court in the parish of

Much Malvern, his brother-in-law: *Whereas* W. W. stands indebted to his father, W. W., of Pytchley, sen., "as well in the sume of ffoure hundred pounds the which sume was contracted by the said William Washbourne the sonne w^th^ his said ffather for ffive yeares board last part of him the said William Washbourne the sonne together w^th^ his wife children and servants as alsoe in the ffurther sume of two hundred pounds for hay and provender by the said William Washbourne the father found and provided in the said five yeares time for the maintenance and keepinge of the horses of him the said William Washbourne the sonne," and also to John Lockley, of Thisleton, co. Rutland, clerk, in the sum of £100 on bond, and also to [*blank*] Horton, of Little Bowden, co. Northampton, gent., in a sum of £50, and unto Sam. Willis, of Cransley, yeoman, for £50, that is to say £800 in all; now in consideration of 5s. paid to Dowdeswell and to the intent that Dowdeswell shall pay all these debts owing out of the rents hereafter demised or so much of the debts as the rents shall allow, W. W. leases to him for five years from the date of this indenture "All that his Manno^r^. Lordspp & Royalty of Witchingford and all that his Capitall or cheife Mansion-house scituate and being in the towne and parish of Witchingford" with its appurtenances, Dowdeswell to pay the rent of one peppercorn at Michaelmas yearly if the same be lawfully demanded. Dowdeswell is to employ all rents, over and above his reasonable charges and expenses in managing the trust, for the payment of the said debts and interest accruing. Dowdeswell is to have peaceful possession, provided that if before the five years' end Washbourne shall pay all the debts with interest due, or if the rents are such as will pay all the debts, then this agreement becomes void.

(Witnesses: Tho. Greene, Sam. Davis, Leon. Pick.)

Three months later by indentures of January 1st, 1695, 7 William III., Dowdeswell lets for a period of three years dating from Candlemas ensuing the above-named property to William Rider, yeoman, of Wichenford, at a yearly rent of £108, payable on August 1st and February 2nd. The deeds speak of "All that Manor or reputed Manor house called or knowne by the name of Witchinford Court," with buildings and appurtenances, together with the several lands known by the "names of the Churchffields the windmill fields the orchard below the poole the Lady meadow the Tineing the Cow pasture the horse pasture the Broadmeadow the upper Hassells meadow the lower Hassells meadow the upper Hassells the lower Hassells the two Malenders the hay-field the green the orchard next to the said Manor house and the Lady meadow orchard." Two reservations are made as to the timber and pools. 1. All trees are reserved, "Saveing allwaies out of this exception reasonable estrovers of hedgboot plowboot cart boote and fireboote," and sufficient timber for the repair of the gates, stiles, and bridges. If Dowdeswell does not assign and set out such allowances after reasonable notice Rider may fall and take what is actually necessary for his repairs. 2. The Pools: "Saveing and excepting out of this p'sent demise & grant to the said George Dowdeswell . . . All that great Poole or Pond called Witchinford Pool and also every the ffish and Eles that now are or shall be therein and . . . all that other Poole called the Church Field Poole scituate & being in the beforesaid field called Churchfield . . . togeather with full and free liberty of ingress egress and regress into & from the said Pooles for the said George Dowdeswell . . . at all reasonable and convenient times to ffish and draw the said Pooles and carry away all such ffish and Eales as are or may be found therein."

Rider binds himself (1) to pay "all Church and parish duties Taxes & assessments and all other payments whatsoever except the Kings Taxes"; (2) to keep in repair the hedges, bridges, gates, stiles, mounds, and fences, and to leave the same at the end of the lease in such repair as two sufficient men of the parish (named by the parties concerned) shall deem reasonable and according to the usual posture and condition that tenants of lands in Wichenford leave their farms in: but if Rider refuses to nominate a person to act for him, Dowdeswell's nominee shall act alone; (3) not to plough up or convert into tillage any pasture land except the four acres hereafter mentioned and the Hayfields and Two acres in the ground called the horse pasture, the rest of the same ground being now in tillage, but to preserve the premises in their present mode of cultivation; (4) during his last year not to use for tillage more than fifty acres, laying all the rest down for pasture according to the usual course of husbandry thereabouts used and practised; (5) not to carry off any hay, straw, fodder, dung, etc., other than such as, by two judges nominated by the two parties, shall be deemed reasonable and usual for tenants about to quit, but shall employ it on the premises.

It is agreed (1) that Rider shall have free access to the premises to reap, cut, and carry into the barns the crop of Lent grain and hard corn that shall be growing upon the premises, also to thresh and carry away the same, and to have reasonable time to spend, eat, and use the straw and fodder that shall arise or be made by the said last crop of Lent grain and hard corn upon some convenient place on the premises; (2) that Rider shall pay the King's taxes but be refunded the amount so advanced; (3) and lay down for pasture the Tineing in his second year of tenancy and leave it so laid down.

Dowdeswell binds himself to keep in sufficient repair

the buildings, excepting the Gatehouse, and to do necessary repairs to them except thatching. With regard to the thatching, it is agreed if Rider shall have sufficient straw raised upon the premises over and beyond that he reasonably uses, then Dowdeswell shall be at the expense of the workmanship only; but if Rider has not sufficient straw, Dowdeswell is to bear the whole cost of the thatching. He is also to pay the cost of the thatching of the new barn from time to time. It shall be lawful for Rider to use for a hopyard four acres, and to have sufficient hop-poles, and when he leaves he shall have the compensation agreed upon by two persons chosen by the two parties concerned. Dowdeswell undertakes to erect "a good & sufficient barne consisting of three bayes of building of comon & usuall demensions of Barnes in the said parish of Witchinford the same barne to be erected & built & finished on or before 1 Aug. 1697."

(Witnesses, Tho. Greene, J. Carwardine.)

Parts of the old moat remain on the north-west, north, and east of the house, which was in a truly damp position, for beyond the moat the land was evidently swampy on the north-east and east, to judge from the present aspect of it with the brook that drains it, and beyond the moat on the north and between it and the church was the big pool into which flowed the little stream locally called the Fitcher Brook. Close to the pool was the ford which doubtless gave Wichenford part of its name; this in time gave place to a road, which during the present generation has been considerably raised, with a culvert under it to convey the water of the brook twelve or thirteen feet below. At the Court end of the road is a small bridge known as Washbourne's Bridge, and on the east side of the road where the culvert discharges is an old sheepwashing place called "Washbourne's Hole" by the juveniles, who are firm in their belief that

Washbourne's ghost haunts the neighbourhood after sunset.

That the Court has its ghost goes without saying, and an account of the weird traditions of the place will be a welcome ending to this lengthy and prosaic account of the family that so long inhabited it. Under the heading "Traditions and Superstitions of Old Court and Manor Houses in this County" there appeared in the *Worcester Herald* of February 20th, 1892, an article on the Court, from which the writer ventures to extract the following:—

Wichenford Court . . . was a half-timbered structure of great antiquity. In the year 1233 Bishop Blois resided here. . . . In the time of King Henry IV. Norman Washborne resided here, and afterwards John Washborne, who was "the best continual housekeeper" in the county of Worcester. . . . He was the best-beloved gentleman in the county, and his acts of charity were great and many. Christmas, Easter, and Whitsuntide, particularly, were seasons of great festivity and hospitality in John Washborne's time. Barons of beef and huge quantities of ale and other good things were always provided for the public. Christmas was kept up for twelve days; the Yule log, drawn by two white oxen dressed with ivy, holly, and mistletoe, was placed in the large open fireplace in the great hall, and the fire was not permitted to burn low during the twelve days. . . . This mansion was formerly one of the largest in the county, with moat and drawbridge. There were a great number of rooms, some hung with rare tapestry and others having singular oak panelling, grotesque figures, fine carving, and other curiosities. It was in the old mansion in the reign of King Henry IV. that one of the Bourbon princes was confined for some time (it was also said Prince James of Scotland was a prisoner here after being confined in the Tower), and was afterwards put to death by Lady Washborne in the absence of her husband, on whom she brought much misery by her violent, selfish, and ambitious nature. She made no scruple of sacrificing the interests of others to forward her schemes of ambition. It is asserted that she administered some narcotic and then entered his chamber, and during his sleep killed him by her own hand: also that after she had committed the dark deed she never rested afterwards—she could not sleep, and walked about night and day; and after she died her ghost with a dagger in her hand was seen in the

murdered Prince's chamber at midnight on St. Mary Magdalene's Eve. At this time Owen Glendour was encamped on Woodbury Hill, when he took upon himself the title of Prince of Wales, and had for a considerable time much success. . . . There was another tradition connected with this place, which asserted that every year, when the Lammas moon was at the full, Lady Washborne (the wife of John Washborne, the Royalist) was seen riding in a silver boat drawn by four white swans nine times round the moat, and carrying with her a golden harp, her favourite instrument which she played, while she sang in a voice of such exquisite sweetness and pathos that it was said the nightingale and other birds of the woods and groves carolled their sweetest notes and joined in this very singular and melodious concert, from the Martyrdom of King Charles I. until the restoration of the Stuarts to the throne."

Nobody, even in these twentieth-century days of light and civilization, will be rash enough surely to disbelieve in the murder which immortalises the Court, even though tradition varies as to the means by which it was enacted! The narcotic and dagger theory has passed away, and every visitor to the Court is shown the stain of blood which still marks the spot on the landing where the Prince fell, shot in the back by a weapon discharged by Lady Washbourne secreted in the cupboard a few feet away from the bedroom he was entering!

And who has not heard that in the wars with the Welsh under Owen Glendower so great was the slaughter and the number of those buried in the neighbourhood that two of the farms received the commemorative names of Buryendtown and Buryend-bush? Nor is it difficult to come across older parishioners who can relate the efforts made to lay the ghost: how twelve priests prayed hard and long, with candles burning, and how one by one the candles went out, till one only was left burning. Then the spirit of compromise came o'er the scene, and a bargain was struck between the priests and the ghost to this effect, that so long as the water did not overflow the road from the Court to the Church the dreaded visitor would cease to

walk and would leave the place in peace, but that in case the waters did rise so high in any time of flood, he was to resume his former liberty of taking his walks abroad! The tradition of the ghost is alluded to in a letter written December 23rd, 1863, by the Rev. Henry Shuker, then vicar, under these circumstances: At that time there was at the Court painted on the oak panelling the portrait of a Washbourne. Mr. Money-Kyrle, the representative of the main line of the Washbournes, begged the gift of the same from the owner of the Court, Mr. Woodroffe; and Mr. Shuker superintended the cutting out of the portion of the panel so painted, and forwarded it to Homme House, where it now is in the possession of Major Money-Kyrle, who has kindly had a photograph of it taken to serve as the frontispiece of this book. When forwarding the panel Mr. Shuker writes: "His name is connected a good deal with our parish traditions. It is implicitly believed by many people in the neighbourhood that the old gentleman 'walks' at times, so much so that I have heard several say that they would not go by the Manor-house alone at night for 'ever so much.' When I first came into the parish [1847] I found it universally believed that he would appear if the brook should ever overflow and come over the road. This actually happened in the great storms of 1851, and some short time afterwards a long paragraph appeared in the *Worcester Herald* of his having been seen and encountered by a young farmer who being 'market pert and half pugnacious' saw, I presume, what no one else would. Howbeit this tended to increase the fears of the countryside. I trust the removal of his portrait may not disturb the spirit of the old gentleman."

Beneath the picture at Homme House is the name "Roger Washbourne, Esquire, of Wichenford," but a curious fact is that in the Washbourne pedigree no Roger

appears since the third generation in the fourteenth century, when the Roger was not an esquire but a knight! It is difficult to suppose the gentleman in the picture lived so long ago, and therefore it becomes necessary to believe either that the painting represents an imaginary member of the family, or that in course of time the wrong Christian name has been assigned to him. The writer inclines to the latter view, and suggests that the gentleman in question is the old sheriff, John (12), who died in 1633. No name apparently was on the panel at the Court, and during the two hundred years that elapsed between the time that the Washbournes left the Court and 1863 when the portrait was removed, a period when the house was occupied by a succession of tenants, the traditionary Christian name of the gentleman in question may have easily and unintentionally been changed. This painting is not the only treasure which the Court has lost in modern times. Three pictures bearing no names were removed by Rear-Admiral Britten to his house at Kenswick in 1895, together with the wainscotting which was such a marked feature at the Court, and which is thus described in Niven's *Illustrations of Old Worcestershire Houses:* "One of the rooms on the ground-floor is wainscotted, with an enriched frieze and cornice running round it, and contains an elaborate Jacobæan chimney-piece in oak. The fire-place is flanked by pilasters, and above it are two panels between grotesque caryatides. The dexter panel contains a shield with the arms of Washborne, mantling, and crest; in the other is a rebus, some kind of plant issuing out of a tun, referring perhaps to the maiden name of a wife. In the frieze, grotesque lions' masks: the whole being of a rude, though sumptuous character." Probably the tun had reference to Lettice Littleton, wife of William (14). The removal of this elaborate work is a great gain to Kenswick, but a source of regret to lovers of the old

Court, which still boasts an interesting old staircase and a large room upstairs, now divided into two, with oak wainscotting.

The Court, as already stated, passed by purchase to the Skynners in 1712; from them by marriage to the Woodroffes, and in time by purchase to Daniel Britten, Esq., of Kenswick.

The dovecote[1] was, like the fishpools, an important appendage to large country houses in days gone by. There are two still left in Wichenford: one at the Ridgend, built of brick; and the other at the Court, built, as is shown in the illustration, of timber and plaster resting on four feet of stone. It is 13 ft. 6 ins. square, and has on the west, south, and north sides fourteen rows with ten nest-holes each. On the east side the low door interferes with the last of the fourteen rows, which has only seven holes. The total number of the holes is thus 557.

The old barn is a wattled building on the north and west sides, which measure 160 ft. and 78 ft. respectively, and the north-west corner abuts on the road which, till quite recent times, was a private one leading from Martley past the Court and through the ford to Wichenford Church. There is now a modern red-brick block of stables, 116 ft. long, forming a third side to the barn on the east; the south and fourth side is the open farmyard. The bowling-green was in the field divided from the barn by the road just mentioned, and overlooked the big fishpool lying between it and the churchyard. That low-lying part (still called Pool Meadow) is drained by the Fitcher Brook, which passes by means of a culvert under the road raised in modern times over the spot where the ford originally was. The smaller fishpool was in the field on the north of the church.

[1] A paper on the "Dovecotes of Worcestershire," by Mrs. Rowland Berkeley, appeared in the *Transactions of the Worcester Diocesan Architectural and Archæological Society* for 1905, vol. xxviii.

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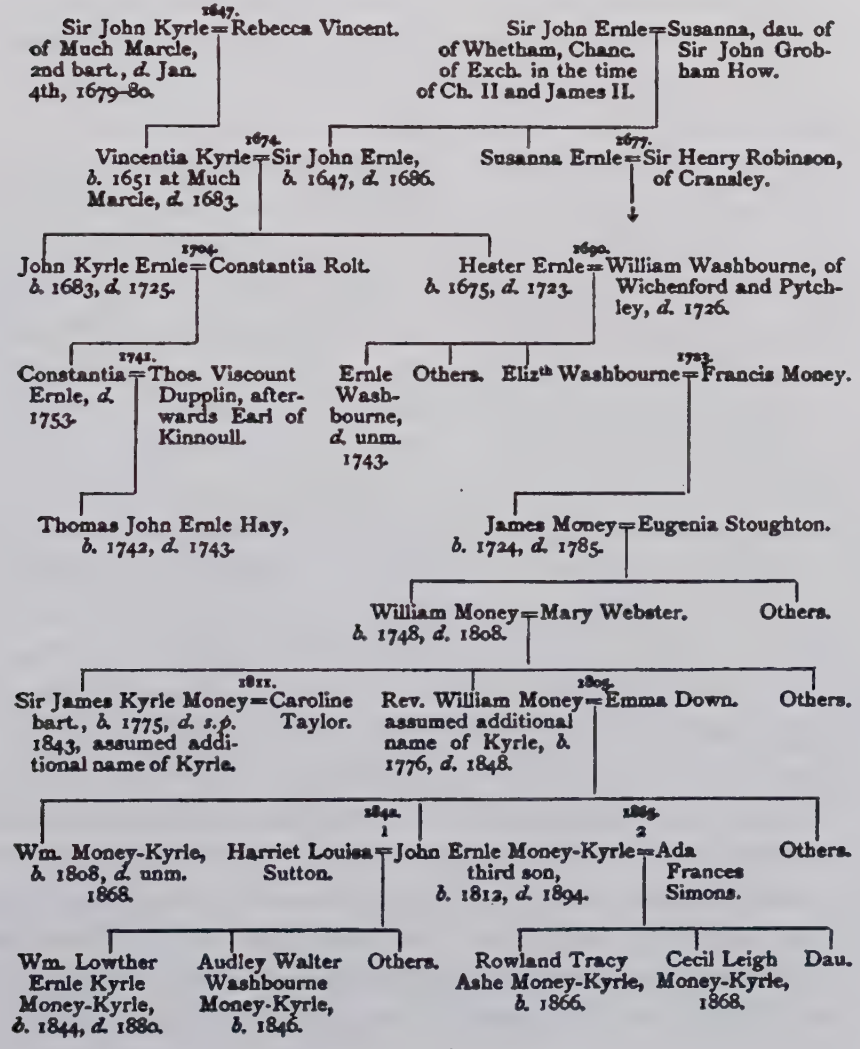
CHAPTER IV

THE MONEY-KYRLE DESCENT FROM ELIZABETH WASHBOURNE (WIFE OF FRANCIS MONEY, ESQ.)


1647.
Sir John Kyrle of Much Marcle, 2nd bart., d. Jan. 4th, 1679-80.
Rebecca Vincent.
Sir John Ernle of Whetham, Chanc. of Exch. in the time of Ch. II and James II.
Susanna, dau. of Sir John Grobham How.
Vincentia Kyrle b. 1651 at Much Marcle, d. 1683.
1674.
Sir John Ernle, b. 1647, d. 1686.
Susanna Ernle
1677.
Sir Henry Robinson, of Cranaley.
John Kyrle Ernle b. 1683, d. 1725.
1704.
Constantia Rolt.
Hester Ernle b. 1675, d. 1723.
1690.
William Washbourne, of Wichenford and Pytchley, d. 1726.
Constantia Ernle, d. 1753.
1741.
Thos. Viscount Dupplin, afterwards Earl of Kinnoull.
Ernle Washbourne, d. unm. 1743.
Others.
Elizth Washbourne
1723.
Francis Money.
Thomas John Ernle Hay, b. 1742, d. 1743.
James Money b. 1724, d. 1785.
Eugenia Stoughton.
William Money b. 1748, d. 1808.
Mary Webster.
Others.
Sir James Kyrle Money bart., b. 1775, d. s.p. 1843, assumed additional name of Kyrle.
1811.
Caroline Taylor.
Rev. William Money assumed additional name of Kyrle, b. 1776, d. 1848.
1805.
Emma Down.
Others.
Wm. Money-Kyrle, b. 1808, d. unm. 1868.
1842.
1
Harriet Louisa Sutton.
John Ernle Money-Kyrle third son, b. 1812, d. 1894.
1865.
2
Ada Frances Simons.
Others.
Wm. Lowther Ernle Kyrle Money-Kyrle, b. 1844, d. 1880.
Audley Walter Washbourne Money-Kyrle, b. 1846.
Others.
Rowland Tracy Ashe Money-Kyrle, b. 1866.
Cecil Leigh Money-Kyrle, 1868.
Dau.

The Homme House property in Much Marcle, co. Hereford, passed from the Kyrles to the Ernles who were of Whetham, co. Wilts, by virtue of the marriage of Vincentia Kyrle with Sir John Ernle, jun. (Thomas Kyrle, grandfather of the above Sir John Kyrle, second baronet, had seated himself at Much Marcle early in the reign of Elizabeth). The grand-daughter of Sir John Ernle, jun., by Vincentia Kyrle, viz. Constantia Ernle, leaving no issue, settled her estates (subject to a life interest to her husband, Thomas Viscount Dupplin, afterwards eighth Earl of Kinnoull) upon James Money, the son of her first cousin, Elizabeth Washbourne, who thus became owner of Homme House and Whetham.

It has already been shown that the Washbourne properties at Pytchley and Cransley, which came in with Alice Robinson, were left by Ernle Washbourne, descended from her in the fifth generation, to pass in a certain eventuality to the Robinson family, into which also his great-aunt had married.

Lady Dupplin's will is given on p. 202.

ERNLE AND KYRLE

Sir John Ernle the younger, sometime of Berry Town, co. Wilts, and, in right of his wife, of Much Marcle, was baptized at Calne December 31st, 1647. He received a commission as captain in Prince Rupert's regiment of dragoons November 12th, 1673. Will dated August 31st, 1686. He died October 25th, 1686.

His wife, Vincentia Kyrle, was born at Much Marcle October 2nd, 1651, and baptized there the next day.

Articles before marriage dated November 26th, 1674: the marriage took place there December 6th, 1674. She was named sole executrix of the will of her father 1677, and administration was granted to her husband November 30th,

1684. She was buried at Much Marcle June 7th, 1683. There were two children of the marriage :—

1. Hester Ernle, born at Fawley February 8th, 1675, baptized at Much Marcle February 10th, 1675. She married (1690) William Washbourne. Agreement of marriage dated May 31st, licence granted June 13th, settlement after marriage dated February 19th, 1704. She died October 7th, 1723, and was buried October 12th at Pytchley. Of their twelve children, the only one who left issue was Elizabeth, who married, October 1st, 1723, Francis Money, of Wellingborough, and left at her death, March 2nd, 1725–6, a son James, of whom presently.

2. John Kyrle Ernle, baptized at Much Marcle, May 10th, 1683. He died October 9th, 1725, aged forty-three, and was buried at Calne, October 21st, 1725. Will dated July 16th, 1719, and proved in London March, 1725. He married Constantia, only daughter of Sir Thomas Rolt, of Sacombe, co. Herts, Knight. Settlement before marriage dated March 10th, 1704. Buried at Bromham, co. Wilts, November 14th, 1755. Their only child, Constantia Ernle, married, 1741, Thomas Viscount Dupplin, afterwards eighth Earl of Kinnoull, and had a son who died an infant October 14th, 1743. Leaving no issue, she made James Money, her cousin, heir.

MONEY, afterwards MONEY-KYRLE

(*Generations numbered*)

I. James Money, born 1724,[1] only son of Francis Money by Elizabeth Washbourne, was a lieut.-col. in the army, and fought at the Battle of Minden. He was of Homme House and Whetham, and also of Pitsford near Northampton. He died June 14th, 1785. He married Eugenia, eldest daughter and co-heir of George Stoughton, of St. John's, Warwick, and had, by her, sons named William,

[1] Baptized at Wellingborough, September 25th, 1724.

George, and Edward (cf. will on page 177), of whom William the eldest alone survived his father.

II. William Money, born 1748, was a captain in the 43rd Regiment. He was of Homme House, Whetham, and Pitsford. He died 1808, having had by his wife Mary, daughter of William Webster, of Stockton-on-Tees, who died June 20th, 1813, a large family, seven daughters and the following six sons :—

1. Sir James Kyrle (see below).

2. Rev. William (see below).

3. George, born December 6th, 1777, was a Master in Equity, and had a family of five.

4. Kyrle Ernle, M.A., vicar of Much Marcle and Prebendary of Hereford, had a family of six.

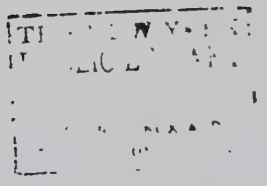
5. Rowland, a vice-admiral, who died 1860, had a family of eleven.

6. John, who died unmarried, 1825, was a commander in the East India Co.'s Maritime Service.

III. Sir James Kyrle Money was born August 15th, 1775, and baptized at Stockton-on-Tees October 25th, 1775. He was of Homme House, Whetham, and Pitsford ; a major-general and a J.P. for Herefordshire. He assumed the surname of Kyrle in addition to his paternal name and the arms of Kyrle by royal licence April 26th, 1809. He was created a baronet by letters patent under the Great Seal on August 13th, 1838 (the year of the coronation), but as he left no issue at his death, June 26th, 1843, the baronetcy became extinct. Buried at Much Marcle. His wife, whom he married December 27th, 1811, was Caroline Anne, eldest daughter of Robert Taylor, of Gloucester Place, Portman Square. She died in 1875. He was succeeded by his next brother,

Rev. William Money, who was an M.A. of Oriel

LIEUT.-COL. JAMES MONEY



College, Oxford, a J.P. for cos. Hereford and Wilts, and owner of Homme House, Whetham, and Pitsford. Born October 13th, 1776; baptized 28th October at St. Hilda, South Shields; died 18th January, 1848. By royal licence August 10th, 1843, he and his issue were authorized to assume the surname of Kyrle in addition to and after that of Money and to bear the arms of Kyrle quarterly with those of his own family.

He married, 1805, Emma, daughter of Richard Down, of Halliwick Manor House, Middlesex, and had by her seven sons and a daughter :—

1. William Money-Kyrle (see below).

2. Edward Kyrle Money, a lieutenant 2nd Regiment Bengal Light Cavalry, was born 1810, and died, unmarried, 1841, before his father assumed the additional name of Kyrle.

3. John Ernle Money-Kyrle (see below).

4. James Stoughton Money-Kyrle, born October 31st, 1813, was an F.S.A. and rector of Yatesbury, co. Wilts. He married January 17th, 1839, Rose Elizabeth, daughter of John Drake Pridham, of Plymouth, and died 1852, leaving no family.

5. George Washbourne Money-Kyrle was an M.A. of King's College, Cambridge. Born at Whetham October 22nd, 1815, and baptized at Friern Barnet same year. Died, unmarried, 1852.

6. Richard Walter Money-Kyrle, born November 16th, 1825, was in the 32nd Regiment. Died, unmarried, 1847.

7. Charles Septimus Money-Kyrle, born September 26th, 1827.

1. Emma, the only daughter, born January 30th, 1822, was married to the Rev. George Prothero, Canon of Westminster and rector of Whippingham, by whom she had several children.

IV. William Money-Kyrle, the eldest son, born 1808, succeeded his father in 1848. He was an M.A. of Oriel College, Oxford, J.P. and D.L. He served as High Sheriff of Herefordshire 1853. The restoration of the Washbourne monuments in Wichenford Church was carried out by him in 1863. He never married, and was succeeded on his death, in 1868, by his next surviving brother, John.

John Ernle Money-Kyrle was born at Clifton March 1st, 1812, and baptized at Calne the same year. He was a lieutenant-colonel in the 32nd Regiment, a J.P. and D.L. He married twice. Firstly, July 16th, 1842, Harriet Louisa, eldest daughter of William Sutton, of Hertingfordbury, and had by her (who died 1857) five sons and three daughters :—

1. William Lowther Ernle Kyrle Money-Kyrle, born December 28th, 1844, was in the 21st Fusiliers. He died, unmarried, 1880.

2. Audley Walter Washbourne Money-Kyrle, born 1846 (see below).

3. Francis Lovell, born and died 1850.

4. John Francis Lovell Money-Kyrle.[1]

5. George Stoughton Money-Kyrle.[1]

1. Harriet Mary Ernle Money-Kyrle, married, 1874, to the Rev. Andrew Pope, vicar of Upton Bishop, by whom she had four daughters and two sons: (1) Andrew William Waring, born 1878, who served in the Welsh Regiment in South Africa, and was severely wounded; and (2) Kyrle, in the navy.

2. Alice Eleanor Money-Kyrle, died unmarried.

3. Eugenia Emma Money-Kyrle.

He married, secondly, January 4th, 1865, Ada Frances,

[1] Accidentally drowned bathing together in the River Lugg when boys, 1868.

eldest daughter of John Simons, Esq., and had by her two sons and one daughter :—

1. Rowland Tracy Ashe Money-Kyrle, born 1866, M.A. of New College, Oxford, and now vicar of Kentish Town.

2. Cecil Leigh Money-Kyrle, born 1868, M.A. of Oriel College, Oxford, and now vicar of Much Marcle.

1. Violet Money-Kyrle.

Colonel Money-Kyrle died 1894, and was succeeded by his eldest surviving son,

V. Audley Walter Washbourne Money-Kyrle, the present representative of the families and owner of Homme House and Whetham, who was born at Homme House, September 12th, 1846, and baptized at Much Marcle.

He is a major in the army (55th and 19th Regiments), a J.P. and D.L. for co. Hereford, and a J.P. for cos. Wilts and Herts.

He married Florence Cecilia, eldest daughter of Horace Smith-Bosanquet, Esq., of Broxbornebury, co. Herts, and has issue :—

1. Margaret Vincentia, born February 22nd, 1889.

2. Joan Alice, born September 29th, 1891.

3. Ernle John Audley, born April 30th, 1893; died August 19th, 1897.

4. Roger Ernle, born January 31st, 1898.

It is very fitting that he who in days to come will, all being well, be the representative of the Washbourne family should bear the same name as his ancestor, Sir Roger of the thirteenth century, from whom he is twenty-fourth in descent. That an honourable and useful life may be in store for him, and that he may worthily maintain the dignity and traditions of the several families which he will represent, is the sincere wish of the compiler of these notes.

NOTE

THE WILL OF VISCOUNTESS DUPPLIN

In the name of God Amen. I Constantia Viscountess Dupplin being of sound and disposing Mind and Memory blessed be God for the same do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say Whereas I am intitled to the ffee Simple and Inheritance of and in certain Estates in Wiltshire and Herefordshire or elsewhere expectant on the death of my Mother and which said Estates were the Jointure of my said Mother and my said Mother having contracted Several Debts It is my will and desire and I do order and direct that as soon as conveniently can be after my said Mothers decease such a Sum of Money be raised by Sale or Mortgage of the said Estates so in Jointure as aforesaid as shall be sufficient and necessary for the payment and Satisfaction of the just Debts of my said Mother and contracted by her before and at the time of my decease and which shall remain unsatisfied and owing at the time of the death of my said Mother and also I do direct and order the raising in like manner upon the said Estates in Jointure as aforesaid such a Sum and so much as shall be necessary for the payment and Satisfaction of the following Legacies to wit I give and bequeath to M^{rs} Jane Williamson the sum of £500 also I give to her Son Adam Williamson the sum of £400 to be paid to him provided he attains his age of one and twenty years and in such case as soon as conveniently can be but if the said Adam Williamson shall dye before his said age of one and twenty years Then and in such case I will that the said Legacy of £400 be accounted lapsed also I give to Lieutenant James Money of his Majestys own Regiment of Foot commanded by Coll. Rich £300 also I give to the Reverend M^{r}. Birt of Gloucestershire £50 also I give to M^{r}. Thomas Rolt junior £20 and to his Sisters the Misses Rolt £30 each also I give to my Servants M^{rs} Macgown my Chamber Maid Isabel Stanley my Man Servant James Unick and Anne Delany my Cook a years wages and as for and concerning the before mentioned Legacy of £500 to M^{rs} Jane Williamson It is my will and order that the same shall be paid by my Trustees and Executors hereinafter named to such person or persons as she the said Jane Williamson shall under her hand direct and appoint In Trust for such person or persons to pay and apply the same to the use

of the said Jane Williamson or in such manner as she the said Jane Williamson shall direct and appoint without any the Intervention or any ways Intermedling of her Husband Major Williamson it being intended for her sole benefit and advantage And my Express Will and direction further is that the said Sums to be raised for the payment of the just Debts of my Mother and of the said several Legacies before mentioned shall be looked upon and deemed as a Lyen and Incumbrance upon the said Estates in Wiltshire and Herefordshire in Jointure as aforesaid and I do hereby charge the said Estates with the payment thereof accordingly and I do devise and bequeath the said Estates in Wiltshire and Herefordshire so jointured as before mentioned but subjected by me as aforesaid unto my Husband the Lord Viscount Dupplin for him the said Lord Viscount Dupplin to hold and enjoy the same and the Rents Issues and profits thereof for and during the Term of his natural Life hereby giving power to my said Husband of granting Leases of the said Estates in the manner usually limitted to Tenants for Life and from and after the decease of the said Lord Viscount Dupplin I do devise and bequeath the said Estates in Wiltshire and Herefordshire Subjected and charged by me as aforementioned together also with certain other Estates in Wiltshire Herefordshire or elsewhere the ffee Simple whereof I am intitled to and which were the Estates of my deceased ffather John Kyrle Ernle of Whetham in the County of Wiltshire Esquire Subject to such Incumbrances they are now subject unto Susannah Washbourne Anne Washbourne late Anne Shepherd and Hester Soames Wid. which said Susannah Washbourne Anne Washbourne late Anne Shepheard and Hester Soames are the three surviving Daughters of my Aunt Washbourne deceased and to the Survivors and Survivor of them for them the said Susannah Washbourne Anne Washbourne late Shepheard and Hester Soames to enjoy the Rents Issues and Profits of all and Singular the before mentioned Several Estates for and during the Term of their natural Lives share and share alike and from and after the decease of them the said Susannah Washbourne Anne Washbourne late Anne Shepheard and Hester Soames then and in such case I do hereby devise and bequeath all the said Several before mentioned Estates which were my said late ffathers as well those jointured as otherwise Subject nevertheless to the several Incumbrances before mentioned and all my Estate right title and Interest therein unto the said James Money

and his heirs for ever. — I name constitute and appoint my Husband the Lord Viscount Dupplin the said James Money and Baynton Rolt of Wiltshire Esq^r^ the Trustees and Executors of this my Will hereby revoking all former Wills and Testamentary Dispositions by me at any time heretofore made and In Testimony that this is my last Will and Testament I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this twentieth day of June in the year of our Lord 1753.

C. DUPPLIN Signed Sealed published and declared by the Testatrix Constantia Viscountess Dupplin as and for her last Will and Testament in the Presence of Us the witnesses underwritten who have at her Request and in her presence and in the Presence of each other signed our Names as Witnesses to the due Execution hereof.

ANNA SLEECH ELIZ: SMYTH AB^m^ GOODWIN Jun^r^.

A CODICIL to be added to and taken as part of this my last Will and Testament.

Whereas I am desirous that a Monument be erected to the Memory of my late Cousin John Kyrle Esquire commonly called the Man of Ross it is my desire that the Sum of £200 be applied for that purpose and the Character of him by the late M^r^. Pope collected as my Executors shall think proper from his writings inscribed thereon by way of Epitaph But this matter of the Epitaph to be wholly in the Discretion of my said Executors also I give and bequeath to the Reverend M^r^. John Rolt the sum of £50 for the benefit and use of his Son also I give to Miss Frances Ernle Sister of Sir Michael Ernle £30 also I give to three Daughters of my Cousin the said Baynton Rolt Esquire to wit [*blank*] the sum of £100 each to be paid them at their respective Ages of one and twenty years and in case either of them dies before that age the share or shares of her or them so dying shall go to the Survivors and Survivor of them and I do hereby charge the Estates in Wiltshire and Herefordshire by the within Will mentioned to be my Mothers Jointure with the raising and the Payment and Satisfaction of these Several Sums and in like manner as I have made the Several Legacies mentioned in the within will to be a Lyen and charge upon those Estates also I give the sum of £800 to be paid and applied by my said Executors in their Discretion towards the Relief of the poor of the Several parishes of Calne in Wiltshire and of

those or such of the parishes as they shall think Proper where my Estates lye in Herefordshire which said sum of £800 shall be likewise raised and charged and made payable from the said Jointured Estates in Wiltshire and Herefordshire also I desire that my said Husband the Lord Viscount Dupplin would have me buried in Calne Church aforesaid and that the remains of my deceased Son may be removed conveyed and deposited there. Witness my hand the same day and year and time of executing my Will.

C. DUPPLIN Signed Sealed published and declared by the Testatrix as a Codicil to her Will before Us the witnesses thereto the Razure in the ninth line being first made as also the Interlineation of these Words between the second and third Lines to wit, also I give and bequeath to the Reverend M^r. John Rolt the sum of £50 for the benefit and use of his Son also I give to Miss Frances Ernle Sister of Sir Michael Ernle £30.

ANNA SLEECH ELIZ: SMYTH AB: GOODWIN, Jun^r

Proved 8 July 1753, admon being granted to James Money.

By indenture of April 7th, 1758, Susanna and Hester made over to their nephew, James Money, all their interest in Lady Dupplin's estate in consideration of an annuity of £600 payable from and after Lord Dupplin's death to each of them. Susanna died in 1763, and by indenture of February 4th, 1769, Hester relinquished her annuity and all interest she might have in the estates.

APPENDICES

No. 1

ALICE ROBINSON'S DOWRY

The marriage agreement of December 6th, 41 Eliz., contains a large map of Cransley, with Alice Robinson's fifth part of the manor coloured yellow, and thus described :—

Alice Robinsons 5th pte of the Manor of Cransley

	AC.	R.	P.
The Close called Boyle gore wth ye howses in the occupacion of Jo Patche · Tho Hipwell Raphe Pell · w Miles Jo. Saxby · Stephen Ewle and Elmes pightell · Nicholas Munne · E Davis · Jo Cobbe · Widdow Tompson Raphe Curtis and Bayley · and one close called Esingwell close . . .	26	0	0
Hadlandes endes close . . .	16	1	10
West lady holme, midle lady holme and East lady holme in 2 closes all . . .	37	1	26
In ye great North fielde . . .	253	2	38
In ye great South fielde . . .	40	0	0
The meadow at the east ende of north field .	13	0	8
The 5th pte of Cransley wood . . .	7	3	1⅕
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No. 2

THE PERSONAL ESTATE OF ALICE OWEN

(Mother of Alice Robinson)

An Indenture made 4 July 16 James 1° *Between* Sir John Brett, knt., of Edelmeton, co. Middlesex, and Robert Riche, esq., of Horndon upon the Hill, co. Essex, executors of the will of Alice Owen, late of London, deceased, *And* Francis Downes of Orsett, esq., shows that Alice Owen, by will dated 10 June,

1613, did ordain that, after the payment of certain legacies, all the rest of her goods, chattels, leases, debts, and estate, after the payment of her debts and funeral expenses, should be equally divided amongst her children, viz. Sir Henry Robinson, knt., Dame Margaret Brett, wife of the aforesaid Sir John Brett, Anne Riche, wife of the aforesaid Robert Riche, and "*Alice then the wife of John Washborne since deceased and now the wife of the aforesaid ffrancis Downes.*" Whereas there are divers debts which were owing to Alice Owen at the time of her death and yet unsatisfied and unpaid to the executors, and which debts therefore belong to her four children above-named, Sir John Brett, Sir Henry Robinson, Robert Riche, and Francis Downes have made an equal division and allotment of the same and the "part of the said debts elected & chosen by the said Francis Downes is conteyned and specifyed in a Scedule Indented to theise presents annexed."

No. 3

PURCHASE OF BULLARIES BY ALICE WASHBOURNE (*née* ROBINSON) AT DROITWICH

To all Christian people to whom this present writing shall come we Humfrey Salwey of Stanford in the county of Worcester esquire and S^{r} Edward Littleton of Pilleton hall in the county of Stafford knight send greeting in our lord god everlasting Whereas we the said Humfrey Salwey and S^{r} Edward Littleton by our indenture bearing date wth these pntes have graunted bargained & sold unto Alice Washbourne of Wichenford in the county of Worcester widdow late wyfe of John Washbourne of Wichenford aforesaid esquier deceased eight Bullaryes of salt water otherwise called eight salt phatts walling wth the appurtenancs lying being or arising in upwich wthin the towne of Droitwich or in the liberties of the same in the said county of worcester now or late in the tenure of Thomas Gower gent or his Assignees To have & to hold the said eight Bullaries of salt water otherwise called eight salt phatts walling wth the appurtenancs to the said Alice Washbourne her heires & assignees for ever To the onely use & behoof of her the said Alice Washbourne her heires & assignees for ever (as by the said Indenture bearing date wth these pntes more at large doth or may appeare) Now know ye that we the said Humfrey Salwey & S^{r} Edward Littleton have ordeyned constituted & appointed & in our place put our well beloved in Christ John Talbott of Ockley in the parishe of Sallwarp in the county aforesaid

esquier and Thomas Wythe of Droitwich aforesaid gent our true & lawfull Atturney & Atturneys jointly & seṽally for us & in our names to take possession & seisin of the aforesaid eight Bullaries of salt water or salt phatts walling w^th^ thappurtenancs And after the taking of the said seisin & possession as aforesaid the same to give & deliv̄ for [us?] the said Humfrey Salwey & S^r^ Edward Littleton and in our stead unto the said Alice Washbourne or her Atturneys or Atturney in that behalf appointed to the use of the said Alice Washbourne according to the auncient custome & manner in like cases used & the true intent & meaning of these p̃ntes And whatsoever the said John Talbot & Thomas Wythe or eyther of them shall lawfully doe or cause to be done in this behalf we the said Humfrey Salwey and S^r^ Edward Littleton do promise & graunt for & us & our heires to ratify allow establishe & confirme by these pntes.

In wittnes whereof we the said Humfrey Salwey & S^r^ Edward Littleton have heareunto put our hands or seales the ffirst day of May in the fiftenth yeare of the raigne of our soveraigne lord James by the grace of god king of England ffraunce & Ireland Defender of the faith xv and of Scotland the ffiftieth.

To all Cristian people to whom this present writing shall come I Alice Washbourne of Wichenford in the county of Worcester widdow late wyfe of John Washbourne of Wichenford esquire deceased send greeting in our lord god everlasting Whereas Humfrey Salwey of Stanford in the county aforesaid esqr & S^r^ Edward Littleton of Pilleton hall in the county of Stafford knight by their Indenture bearing date w^th^ these presents have graunted bargained & sold unto me the said Alice eight Bullaryes of salt water otherwise called eight salt phatts walling w^th^ thappurtenancs lying being or arising in upwich w^th^in the towne of Droitwich or w^th^in the libertyes of the same in the said county of worcester now or late in the tenure of Thomas Gower gent or his assignes To have & to hold the said eight Bullaryes of salt water otherwise called eight salt phatts walling w^th^ thappurtenancs to me the said Alice Washbourne my heires & assignes for ever To the only use & behoof of me the said Alice Washbourne my heires & assignes for ever (as by the said Indenture bearing date w^th^ these pntes it doth or may more at large appeare) And whereas the said Humfrey Salwey & S^r^ Edward Littleton by their deed polle bearing date likewyse w^th^ these pntes have ordeyned made constituted appointed and in their place put their well beloved John Talbot of Ockley in the parishe of Salwarpe in the county of Worcester esq^r^ and

Thomas Wythe of Droitwich aforesaid gent & either of them ioyntly & severally their true & lawfull Atturneys and Atturney for them & in their names & have given authority unto them & either of them by the said deed polle to deliver possession & seisin of thaforesaid Bullaryes of salt water or salt phatts walling w^th^ thappurtenancs to me the said Alice Washbourne or to my lawfull Atturney or atturneys in that behalf according to the tenore forme & effect of the said recited indenture made by the said Humfrey Salwey and S^r^ Edward Littleton unto me the said Alice Washbourne as aforesaid (As in & by the said deed polle conteyning a letter of Atturney more at large it may appeare) Now know ye that I the said Alice Washbourne have ordeyned constituted appointed & in my place put my well beloved in Christ John Allen the yonger & Nicholas Davyes of Droitwiche aforesaid gent my true & lawfull atturney & atturneys ioyntly & severally for me & in my name to take possession & seisin of the aforesaid Bullaryes of salt water or salt phatts walling w^th^ thappurtenancs And after the taking of the said seisin & possession as aforesaid the same to keep & retaine to the use of me the said Alice my heires and assignes for ever according to the forme tenor and effect of the first recited Indenture Giving & graunting to my said Atturneys & to eyther of them ioyntly & sevally my full power & authority in the premisses to do & execute for me & in my name whatsoever shalbe necessary or expedient for or concerning the same And whatsoever they my said Atturneys or eyther of them shall lawfully do or cause to be done therein I doe pmise to allow ratify and confirme.

In witnes whereof I the said Alice Washbourne have heareunto put my hand & seale the ffirst day of May in the ffiftenth yeare of the raigne of our sov^r^aigne Lord James by the grace of god king of England ffraunce & Ireland Defender of the faith xv and of Scotland the ffiftieth.

Habingdon under Droitwich writes: "The inhabitants of Wich havinge receaved thys greate benefytt from the bounty of the Allmighty, have tyme out of mynd vsed rare Justyce in distribution of thys Saltwater, which is divyded into certayne proportions or quantityes called Saltphates Walinge, Plumbaryes, Bullaries, or Boylaries of Saltwater, but best knowne by the name of Phates. Eavery Phate hathe 216 large vessells of Saltwater . . . eavery phate consystinge of xij wickburdens or weekeburdens and eavery wickburden of xviij^teene^ large vessells of Saltwater. . . . The Kynges and greatest subiects of thys land have byn lords of phates in Wich, and many worthy persons doe

at thys present inioye the lyke in thys place; and on the other syde some of meaner ranck had and have salt-makings heere, and many have many phates and others but a phate, or the halfe or quarter of a phate." (Vol. ii., 296, 297.)

Among other Lords of this saltwater, 32 Hen. VIII, Habingdon mentions the King, Lord of twenty-nine phates; Sir Gilbert Talbot, Lord of seven; "John Litelton, Esquyre, auncestor of Sir Thomas Litelton, Baronet, nowe lyvinge, had phates"; Frauncis Gowre, John Wythe, and Robert Wythe. (Vol. ii., pp. 306, 307.)

No. 4

EXCHANGE OF CRANSLEY LANDS FOR WESTMANCOTE

This Indenture made the Seauenth daie of June in the yeare of the Raigne of o^r^ Soueigne Lord *Charles* by the grace of God king of England Scottland ffrance and Ireland defendor of the ffaith &c the three and Twentieth *Betwene* John Washbourne of Wichenford in the County of Worcester Esq on the one parte and Alice Downes of Picheley in the County of Northampton widowe grandmother of the said John Washbourne on the other parte *Wittnesseth* that the said John Washbourne for and in consideracon of a ctaine sume of money by her the said Alice Downes in hand paid to the said John Washbourne and for diuerse other good causes and consideracons him the said John Washbourne hereunto moueinge *Hath* graunted bargained and sold and doth by these pnts graunte bargaine and sell to the said Alice Downes *All* that his Manor of Westencoate with all other his Mesuages Lands Tenem^ts^ and hereditam^ts^ whatsoeuer scituate lying and being in Westen Coate aforesaid and in Norton in the said County of Worcester and used occupied and enioyed with Westen Coate and Norton aforesaid with all and singuler theire and euerie of theire apptennces *To have and to hold* The said Manor Mesuages Lands Tenem^ts^ and p^r^misses to the said Alice Downes her heires and assignes *To the* onely ppper use and behoofe of the said Alice Downes her heires and assignes for and dureinge the naturall life of the said John Washbourne and noe longer *And* to noe other use intent or purpose whatsoeuer *In Wittnes* whereof the parties aforesaid to these pnte Indentures interchangeablie haue putt theire hands and Seales Giuen the daie and yeare first aboue written. [Seal gone.]

John Washbourne

[On the back occurs] Sealed and deliuered in the
pnce of J. Robinson
ffrancis Downes
Euseby Isham

1647 *This Indenture* made the Eight daie of June in the yeare of the Raigne of o^r^ Soueigne Lord *Charles* by the grace of God king of England Scottland ffrance and Ireland defendor of the ffaith &c the three and Twentieth *Betwene* Alice Downes of Picheley in the County of Northampton widowe on the one parte and John Washbourne of Wichenford in the County of Worcester Esq Grandchild of the said Alice on the other parte *Wittnesseth* that the said Alice Downes for and in consideracon That the said John Washbourne hath the daie before the date of these prsents bargained and sold to the said Alice Downes her heires and assignes *All* That his Manor of Westencoate with all other his Mesuages Lands Tenem^ts^ and hereditam^ts^ whatsoeuer in Westen Coate aforesaid and Norton in the said County of Worcester for and dureinge the naturall life of the said John Washbourne and for diuse other good causes and consideracons her the said Alice Downes hereunto moueinge *Hath* giuen graunted surrendred and doth by these prsents giue graunt and surrender to the said John Washbourne his heires and assignes *All* The Estate of her the said Alice Downes of and in diuerse lands Tenem^ts^ and hereditam^ts^ in Cranseley in the said County of Northampton particularlie lymited and conteyned to her the said Alice Downes for and dureinge her naturall life by vertue of one Quadripartite Indenture bearing date the Eleauenth daie of June in the ffower-tenth yeare of the Raigne of o^r^ late Soueigne Lord king James made betwene her the said Alice Downes on the first parte S^r^ Edward Littleton of Pillington Hall in the County of Stafford knight of the second parte Edward Littleton the younger of Pillington aforesaid Esq Thomas Littleton of Wilbritton in the said County of Stafford Esq Humphrey Sallwaie of Stanford in the said County of Worcester Esq of the third parte And John ffleete of Hallowe in the said County of Worcester Esq and John Kettleby of Cotheridge in the said County of Worcester Esq on the fourth parte Togeither with a ffyne and Recouerie had and executed of the said Lands Tenem^ts^ and hereditam^ts^ in Cranseley aforesaid in pursuance of the said Quadripartite Indent The inheritance of which Lands Tenem^ts^ and hereditam^ts^ after the decease of the said Alice was by the said Quadripartite Indenture intayled upon the said John Washbourne his heire male of the body of Willm Washbourne Esq deceased father of the said John Washbourne begotten by him the said Willm

on the body of Lettice his then wife daughter of the said S^r^ Edward Littleton as by the said Quadripartite Indenture to which relacon being had more att large maie appeare *To have and to hold* All and singular the said Lands Tenem^ts^ and hereditam^ts^ in Cranseley aforesaid and hereby graunted and surrendred or meant or intended to be hereby graunted and surrendred to the said John Washbourne his heires and assignes for euer And to his and theire onely propper use and behoofe And to noe other use intent or purpose whatsoeuer *In Wittnes* whereof the parties aforesaid to these prsente Indentures interchangeablie haue putt theire hands and Seales Giuen the daie and yeare first above written. [No signature: seal gone.]

No. 5

LEASE OF WESTMANCOTE

This Indenture made the Twentith Day of May in the yeare of our Lord God according to the Computacon of the Church of England One Thousand Six hundred ffyftye three Betweene Elizabeth Washborne of Witchinford in the countye of Worcester *widdowe* on the one pte And Robert Neend of Westmancoate in the Parish of Breedon in the Countye aforesaid yeom on the other pte Wyttnesseth that the said Elizabeth Washborne for and in Consideracon of an Annuall or yearely Rent heareafter in these psents menconed and reserved and for divers and Sundry other good Causes and Consideracons hir the said Elizabeth Washborne thereunto especially moving Hath Demised graunted sett and to farme Lett and by these p^r^sents do^th^ demise graunte sett and to farme Lett to the said Robert Neend his executo^rs^ and Assignes All that hir Messuage or Tenement Scytuate Lyeing and being in Westmancoate aforesaid Called or knowne by the name of M^r^ Washbornes ffarme togeather with all houses edifices Buildings Courts Gardens Orchards backsides Lands Meadowes Leasowes pastures ffeedings Comons Comon of pasture wayes waters proffitts and Comodities and ymoluments to the said Messuage or Tenem^t^ belonging or appteyning All w^h^ Estats pmisss are now in the tenure or occupacon of the said Robert Neend or his Assignes The Bodyes of all Trees groweing or being upon the p^r^misses to the said Elizabeth Washborne and her Assignes Allwayes excepted and reserved) And also excepting and reserving out of this p^r^sent graunt Such pte of the said ffarme as one William fforte houldeth by the Demise or graunt of *John Washborne late of Witchinford aforesaid Esq^r^ deceased late husband of the said Elizabeth Washborne* To have and to

hould all and singular the said arable Land Meadowe grounde pasture grounde except one Close adjoyning to the said Messuage or Tenem^{t} And also all Co$\tilde{m}$on of pasture now belonging to the said Messuage or Tenem^{t} to the said Robert Neend his executo^{rs} Administrato^{rs} and Assignes from the ffeaste day of S^{t} Michael Tharchangell next ensewing the date hereof unto the end and tearme of eight yeares from thence next ensewing and fully to be compleat and ended in case the said Elizabeth Washborne shall so long live And also to have and to hould the said Messuage or Tenem^{t} the said Close and all other the said edifices and Building Cou^{rte} Gardens Orchards and backsides to the said Robert Neend his executo^{rs} Ad$\tilde{m}$rs and assignes from the ffeast day of Thannunciacon of our Blessed Lady S^{t} Mary the Virgin next ensewing the date hereof likwise unto the end and tearme of Eight yeares from thence next ensewing and fully to be compleat and ended in case the said Elizabeth shall so long live as aforesaid yeelding and paying therefore yearly during the first ffower yeares of the said tearme of Eight yeares to the said Elizabeth Washborne and hir Assignes the Annuall or yearly rent of ffowerscore and Thirteene pound of current money of England upon the ffirst day of November and the third Day of May by even and equall porcons the same being lawfully demaunded And also yeelding and paying therefore yearly during the last ffower yeares residue of the said tearme of eight yeares to the said Elizabeth Washborne or her Assignes in case the said Elizabeth Washborne shall no longe live as aforesaid the annuall or yearly rent of one hundred pounds of Like Lawfull money of England at and upon the said dayes and tymes before menc$\tilde{o}$ned for paym^{t} thereof the same being likewise Lawfully demaunded . . . . etc. [Seal gone]

Elisabeth Washbourne

[On back] This Lease was sealed and Delived
in y^{e} presence of us whose names are under written

Joseph: Malden

John Washbourne

[A comparison of this signature with the Holt Register shows that the witness was the John, afterwards (1663–79) rector there.]

No. 6

SETTLEMENT OF PYTCHLEY RECTORY

Indenture Tripartite dated 31 May, 1690, between

1. William Washbourne sen., of Pytchley, esq., and Wm. Washbourne his son and heir, gent., of Pytchley.

2. Hester Ernle, daughter of Sir John Ernle the younger, late of Much Marcle, co. Hereford, Knight, deceased, and granddaughter of Sir John Ernle of Whetham, Wilts, Knight.

3. The said Sir John Ernle, Thomas Fettiplace of Fernham, co. Berks, Esq., George Dowdeswell of Garford Court, co. Worc., Esq., and Charles Dowdeswell of Forthampton, co. Glouc., Esq.:

Whereas by Indenture of 30 May, 1687, bet. Thomas Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry and William Washbourne the elder, the said Bishop did grant and let the Rectory and Parsonage of Pytchley with all Glebe lands of the same and buildings and all manner of Tithes (the advowson and presentation to the Vicarage there being accepted and reserved unto the Bishop) unto Wm. Washbourne the elder and William Washbourne the younger and Richard Washbourne, sons of William the elder, for their lives and the life of the longest liver of them at a yearly rent of £17 1s.: and

Whereas a marriage is intended between Wm. Washbourne the younger and Hester Ernle: and

Whereas the said Rectory and Premises among other things are agreed to be settled under such agreements and on such trusts as are herein declared:

Now (*a*) in consideration of the intended marriage, and

(*b*) in consideration of a sum of £1000 before the sealing of this indenture to be paid to W.W. the elder with the consent of W.W. the younger by

Sir John Ernle, and
Thomas Fettiplace, being together with
Sir Wm. Gregory, knt., a Justice of the King's Bench,
Sir Thos. Hanbury, knt., of Little Marcle, co. Hereford,
James Gregory of Woolhope, co. Hereford, Esq.,
Henry Goodrich of Ely, co. Camb., Esq.,
John Potenger of the Inner Temple, Esq.,

executors in Trust for Hester Ernle appointed by the will of her father, Sir John Ernle jun., deceased, in satisfaction of the sum of

£1000 left to her in his will to be secured by and out of the Manor of Much Marcle, and

(*c*) in consideration of a further sum of £3000 secured to be paid with the consent of W.W. jun. to W.W. sen. by Sir John Ernle in the manner following, that is to say,

£1000 to be paid not later than the Michaelmas Day ensuing, and

£2000 at such times as are expressed in an indenture bearing date with this one and made for the security thereof,

In full satisfaction of all claim which Hester may have under her father's will and of the sum of £2000 above-named, which sum of £2000 was (by Indenture of Feb. 3, 1674, between

1. "John Ernle of Whetham aforesaid Esquire S^r^ John Ernle party to these presents by the name of S^r^ John Ernle of Berry Towne in the said county of Wilts knight sonne & heire apparent of the said John Ernle."

2. Sir John Kyrle of Much Marcle, Bart., and the said (Sir) William Gregory of the city of Hereford,

3. Sir John Ernle jun. and Dame Vincentia his wife and eldest daughter of Sir John Kyrle)

To be raised by Sir John Kyrle and William Gregory out of two several terms of 500 years apiece to them limited of and in the Manor of Berry Blunsdon alias Berry Town, in the parish of Highworth, co. Wilts, in the case of failure of issue male between Sir John Ernle and Dame Vincentia his wife for such daughter and daughters in the proportions and at the times mentioned in the Indenture:

The receipt of that sum £1000 and the securing of the other sum £3000 are hereby acknowledged: and W.W. the elder and W.W. the younger hereby release, discharge and acquit

Sir John Ernle, Henry Goodrich, John Potenger, Thomas Fettiplace, James Gregory, Sir William Gregory and Sir Thomas Hanbury

Of the sum of £1000, and of the sum of £2000 to be raised by Sir John Kyrle and Sir William Gregory, and all claim which Hester may have by virtue of her father's will,

[which sums of £1000 to be paid and £3000 to be secured are the same sums as those of like amount mentioned as consideration money in the Indenture, bearing date of these presents between

1. W.W. the elder and Susanna his wife and W.W. their son, 2. Hester Ernle,

3. Sir John Ernle, Thomas Fettiplace, George Dowdeswell, Charles Dowdeswell, and

4. John Rowe of the Middle Temple, and Francis Lane of the Inner Temple

And purporting to be a Covenant for suffering the recovery of divers manors and lands from W.W. the elder and W.W. the younger to Sir John Ernle, Thos. Fettiplace, George Dowdeswell and Charles Dowdeswell upon the trusts specified therein.]

For the settling of the said Rectory and Parsonage, tithes, etc., W.W. the elder now grants unto

Sir John Ernle, Thos. Fettiplace, George Dowdeswell and Charles Dowdeswell

The said Rectory and Parsonage lands, tithes, etc. (all which are now in their actual possession for the term of one year beginning with Lady Day last past before the date hereof by virtue of a sale to them thereof made in consideration of five shillings by an indenture bearing date the day before the date hereof), and the reversions and profits thereof and all claim and interest in them belonging to W.W. the elder and W.W. the younger, for the lifetime of them both, W.W. the elder and W.W. the younger and Richard Washbourne and the longest liver of them, *In Trust* for W.W. the elder for his life, and then for W.W. jun. for life, and after their deaths in case W.W. jun. leaves a son by Hester or she shall be enceinte then for that male child and his heirs male, and in default of such issue then for the second and every other son of W.W. by Hester and their heirs male according to priority of birth. And in default of issue by W.W. and Hester then in trust for W.W. sen., his heirs and assigns.

Provided always it shall be lawful for the four trustees from time to time out of the Profits to raise and pay the Rents reserved by the said recited Indenture of Lease, and also after the decease of any of them the said Wm. Washbourne sen., Wm. Washbourne jun., and Richard Washbourne, or of any such person or persons for and during whose life or lives any such estate shall be granted by the Lease of the said Rectory, or for the altering or exchanging of any life or lives now in being or which shall hereafter be in any future Lease of the Premises (the consent first being obtained of Wm. Washbourne sen. and Wm. Washbourne jun. and the survivor of them, or in the event of their deaths the consent of such person or persons to whom the next and immediate Trust of the premises shall belong), to surrender the Lease now in being or any future Lease of the premises and pay the Fine required for the obtaining (upon every addition or alteration of any life or lives hereafter to be made) a similar new Lease of and in the said

Rectory, etc., To the intent that the estate of the Trustees of and in the said Rectory may from time to time be renewed and may not at any time hereafter consist of or be determinable unless then two lives in being at the same time. And upon this further express trust that all such future estates and leases so to be obtained of the premises shall be subject to the same uses, intents and purposes, etc., as are here limited and expressed of and concerning the premises to be hereby granted or released. And that the said Trustees or their heirs shall on the renewal of such estate shall execute under his hand and seal the like declaration of the Trusts of such estate so new taken as is for that purpose in these presents contained at the Cost of such person requesting the same, and in default he shall continue estated of and in the premises upon the Trusts herein declared. And it is also agreed between the parties to these presents that it shall be lawful for William Washbourne sen. at any time during his life by deed or by his last will and testament to charge the Rectory and premises with any annuity, Rent or yearly sums of money not exceeding £40 (Free of all taxes), and payments to be disposed and paid yearly for the term of one life to be named and appointed by Wm. Washbourne sen. And the said Wm. Washbourne sen. for himself and his heirs doth covenant and promise and grant to the said Trustees that the said lease herein before recited is a good, firm and effectual grant and lease, and that he hath absolute authority to grant and confirm the said lease according to the intent and meaning of these presents, and that the said Rectory and premises may be peaceably and quietly held and enjoyed by the said Trustees upon the Trusts aforesaid without let or hindrance or disturbance of the said Wm. Washbourne sen., his heirs and executors. And lastly that Wm. Washbourne sen., his heirs and executors and all other persons claiming any estate or title by, from or under Wm. Washbourne sen., shall from time to time during the space of seven years next ensuing at the request, costs and charges of Wm. Washbourne jun., make, do and execute all and every such further reasonable and lawful acts and assurances in the law for the further assuring the said Rectory unto the said Trustees upon the Trusts before mentioned for and during the estate which shall be therein there to come. In witness whereof the said parties have set their hands and seals.

No. 7

A LIST OF DEEDS RELATING TO KNIGHT'S WASHBOURNE ESTATE, TAKEN AT PYTCHLEY 27 APRIL, 1751

2 Dec^{br} 41 Eliz	One Indenture Between John Washbourne of Wychenford in the Co. of Worc: Esq^{r} & John Washbourne Son & Heir Apparent of the s^{d} John Washbourne of the one p^{t} and Tho^{s} Owen one of her Maj^{tys} Justices of her Highne's Court of Common Pleas & Alice his Wife before the Wife of Henry Robinson Cittizen of London dec^{d} on the other p^{t} Purporting a Settlement of the Manor of Knight's Washbourne in the Co. of Wor. and other Manors Upon the Marriage of John Washbourne the Son with Alice Robinson Youngest Daughter of Alice Owen by the said Henry Robinson dec^{d}.
8 May 40 James	One Indenture Between John Washbourne the Younger of Knights Washbourne Esq^{r} & Alice his Wife of the one p^{t} & George Reeve & Anne his Wife of the other p^{t} purporting a Lease of Messuages & Lands in Knights Washbourne to George & Anne.
10 Oct 1650	One Indenture Tripartite Between John Washbourne of Wichenford Esq^{r} Alice Downes of Pitchley in the Co. of Northton Widow & W^{m} Child of London Esq^{r} of the first p^{t} Daniel Reading of the Town of Northton Gent & Samuel Clerke of Islip in the s^{d} Co. of Northton Yeoman of the 2^{d} pt and John Bagshaw of Moreton Pinkney in the Co. of Northton Gent of the 3^{d} p^{t}. To make a Ten^{t} to the Precipe in order to Suffer a Recovery of the Manour of Knights Washbourne.
Michmas Term 1650	An Exemplification of a Recovery suffered in that Term of the Manour of K.W.
18 Nov^{br} 1650	One Indenture between John Washbourne of Wichenford Esq^{r} of the one p^{t} & Daniel Reading of the Town of Northton in the Co. of Northampton Gent & Sam^{l} Cooke of Islip in the s^{d} Co. of Northton of the other p^{t} Purporting a Bargain & Sale of the Manour of K.W. to Daniel Reading & Sam^{l} Cooke.

3 Jan^{ry} 13 Car 2 — One Indenture between W^{m} Washbourn of Wychenford Esq^{e} on the one p^{t} & Rich^{d} Dowdeswell of Poole Court Esq^{e} of the other p^{t} purporting a Bargain & Sale of the Man^{r} of K.W.

19 Dec^{br} 15 Car 2. — A Lease for a Year Between Rich^{d} Dowdeswell of Poole Court Esq^{e} of the one p^{t} & W^{m} Washbourne of Wychenford Esq^{e} of the other p^{t} of the Manour of K.W.

5 Jan^{ry} 15 Car 2. — One Indenture between W^{m} Washbourne of Pitchley in the Co. of Northton Esq^{e} & Susannah his Wife on the one p^{t} & Rich^{d} Dowdeswell of Poole Court Esq^{e} & W^{m} Dowdeswell Gent Son & Heir apparent of the s^{d} Rich^{d} Dowdeswell of the other part purporting a Conveyance of the Manour of K.W. To stand seized to several Uses.

5 Oct 1703. — One Indenture between W^{m} Washbourn of Pitchley in the Co. of Northton Esq^{e} of the one p^{t} & Susannah Washbourne of Brigstock in the County afores^{d} Spinster Sister of the s^{d} W^{m} Washbourne of the other p^{t} Purporting a Grant of an Annuity of £40 a Year out of Reeves farm in Knights Washbourne instead of Lands in Cransley.

The following may be of interest to the present-day dwellers in the quiet neighbourhood:—

By an Indenture of 3 March, 1743, Susanna Washbourne of Broughton, David and Hester Soame of Kettering, Ann and the Rev. Richard Washbourne of Broughton (the three sisters being devisees of Ernle Washbourne their brother), let Little Washbourne to Timothy Shury, then tenant, for a term of eighteen years at a rent of £225 from Lady Day next, plus £5 for every acre of meadow land that he may convert into tillage.

The lease speaks of "all that capital messuage or tenement" situated in L.W. with "all the several inclosed grounds of arable meadow and pasture" and "all the several cottages" with all lands, buildings and appurtenances of all kinds, with the reservation of (1) "that inclosed wood ground called or distinguished by the name of the Ash Spinny"; (2) all timber, with lop and top; (3) all fruit trees and fruit; and (4) right of ingress and egress, etc., for timber falling and lopping and fruit gathering, etc.

1. Those parts of the enclosed land that "lye above the Brooke next to Alderton," and the barns, cottages, etc., Shury is to enter into possession of on Lady Day ensuing.

2. Those parts "that lye next to Alstone field" except the enclosed land called Hobnails, he is to have from May 1st next.

3. The Hobnails he is to enter upon on Lady Day, 1745.

The tenant binds himself (*a*) to consume all hay, straw and fodder on the premises; (*b*) to spread the manure in proper manner; (*c*) to keep buildings, gates, stiles, etc., in good repair, timber being allowed to him for the purpose, and two pounds a year for the repair of the gates and stiles; (*d*) to pay the window tax; (*e*) to preserve all the young fruit trees, the cost of the fencing of them and of the arable land lawfully worked falling upon the owners; and (*f*) during his last year to seed down the Hobnails with grass seed provided by the owners.

The owners undertake (*a*) to pay all taxes and charges other than the window tax; (*b*) to allow timber for the repair of the tenement and cottages and of "the bridge over the Brooke out of the Lord's Mead," also for the garden and rickyard hedges, and such faggot wood as the Dairy shall require, such timber to be felled by the tenant; (*c*) to allow the tenant "ffive tunns of Coal at the Key yearly."

The owners reserve the right to enter to examine into the state of repair of the premises, and during the last year of the lease to till and plant such parts as they think fit, allowing the tenant "reasonable satisfaction for the disadvantage it may be to him."

It is further agreed that if at any time during the eighteen years the owners have a mind or desire to plough, break up or convert into tillage any part or parts of the ancient meadow or pasture ground which the tenant is not to plough or break up under a penalty of £5 per acre, that the owners upon giving a year's notice in writing of their intention may enter upon any part or all parts of the premises hereby let ("except the aforesaid Close called Hobnails which the said Timothy Shury his Exõrs Admõrs or Assigns is to hold one year after any other part of the said preñes Rent free") and break up the same, and that from such time "the Term and Estate hereby demised shall cease determine and be utterly void to all intents and purposes anything hereinbefore contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding."

Six signatures and six small seals.

Witnesses—John Aldwincke, John Lane, John Higgins.

No. 8

A LIST OF DEEDS RELATING TO LANDS IN CRANSLEY

The following list is in the same handwriting as the list of the Knight's Washbourne deeds, and apparently was made of deeds extant at Pytchley April 27th, 1751. It is headed "Of Lands in Cransley."

1 March 1615. One Deed Pole from Alice Washbourne of Wychenford in the Co. of Worc. late the Wife of John Washbourne the Younger late of Wychenford afores^{d} Esq^{r} dec^{d} being a Grant of an Annuity of £50 a year out of certain Lands in Cransley in the County of Northampton unto John Washbourne Gent her youngest son.

11 June 14 James One Indre Quadripartite between Alice Washbourne of Wychenford widow late wife of John Washbourn the Younger late of Wychenford af^{sd} Esq^{r} dec^{d} of the first p^{t} Sir Edw^{d} Littleton of Pillington Hall in the County of Stafford K^{t} on the 2^{d} p^{t} Edw^{d} Littleton the Younger of Pillington Hall afores^{d} Tho^{s} Littleton of Wilbryton in the s^{d} County of Stafford Humfry Sallway of Stanford in the s^{d} County of Worcester Esq^{e} of the 3^{d} p^{t} & John Fleet of Hallow in the s^{d} County of Worcester Esq^{e} & John Keteby of Cotheridge in the County of Worcester afs^{d} of the 4^{h} p^{t} Purporting a settlem^{t} of several Messuages Cottages & Closes in Cransley in the County of Northampton to several uses.

8 July 20 Car One Indenture between John Washbourne of Wichenford in the County of Worcester Esq^{e} on the one p^{t} & Sir Edw^{d} Nicholls of Faxton in the County of Northton Bar^{t} & Mary Nicholls Daughter of Sir Francis Nicholls dec^{d} late of Faxton afs^{d} Bart on the other p^{t} Purporting a Mortgage of certain Messuages Cottages Lands & Closes in Cransley for £800.

9 June 23 Car One Indenture between John Washbourne of Wichenford in the County of Worcester Esq^{e} on the one p^{t} & W^{m} Child of the Birch in the County of Salop Esq^{e} on the other p^{t} To make a Tenant of a precipe in Order to suffer a Recovery of

several Messuages Cottages Lands & Closes in Cransley To the s^d^ W^m^ Child.

Trinity Term 23 Car — An Exemplification of a Recovery that Term Suffered of Messuages Cottages & Lands in Cransley.

20 June 1649 — One Indre Quinquepartite between Sir Edw^d^ Nicholls of Faxton in the County of Northton Bar^t^ Mary Nicholls of Faxton af^sd^ sole daughter of Sir Francis Nicholls late of Faxton afs^d^ Bar^t^ dec^d^ & sister of the s^d^ S^r^ Edw^d^ Nicholls of the first p^t^ Alice Downes of Pitchley in the s^d^ County of Northton widow of the 2^d^ p^t^ John Washbourn of Wichenford in the County of Worcester Esq^e^ Grand Child of the s^d^ Alice Downes of the 3^d^ p^t^ John Lad of Broughton in the s^d^ County of Northton Yeo: of the 4^h^ p^t^ Sam^l^ Cook of Islip George Chapman of Hardwicke in the s^d^ County of Northton Yeomen & John Bagshaw of Moreton Pinkney in the s^d^ County of Northton Gent on the 5^h^ p^t^ Purporting a Feoffm^t^ of certain Messuages Cottages Lands & Closes in Cransley.

12 Aug^t^ 1699 — One Indenture Tripartite between William Washbourne the Elder of Pitchley in the County of Northton Esq^e^ & W^m^ Washbourn Gent Son & Heir Apparent of W^m^ Washbourn the Elder of the first p^t^ Richard Kynnesman of Broughton in the said County of Northton Esq^e^ of the 2^d^ p^t^ & Rich^d^ Walker of Harborough in the County of Leic^r^ Gent of the 3^d^ p^t^ Purporting a Conveyance of certain Lands & Tenements in Cransley to Rich^d^ Walker In Trust for Rich^d^ Kynnesman & his Heirs—A Covenant therein to produce Title Deeds mentioned in a Schedule thereunto annext.

6 Oct 1703 — One Indenture between Susannah Washbourne of Brigstock in the County of Northton Spinster of the one p^t^ & W^m^ Washbourn of Pitchley in the County afs^d^ Esq^e^ Brother of the s^d^ Susannah Washbourn & Hester his Wife of the other p^t^ Purporting a Redemise of several Closes in Cransley chargeable with an Annuity of £40.

25 March 1721 — One Indenture between W^m^. Washbourn of Pitchley in the County of Northton Esq^e^ of the one p^t^ & Ernle Washbourn of Pitchley afs^d^ Gent Son & Heir Apparent of the s^d^ W^m^ Washbourn

of the other p^{t} (Reciteing an Indenture Tripartite (Inrolled) of the 13 Jan^{ry} then last made Between the s^{d} W^{m} Washbourn Ernle Washbourn & one Tho^{s} Fettiplace Esq^{e} of the 1st p^{t} Rob^{t} Wright Gent & George Harris Gent of the 2^{d} p^{t} & Henry Sawyer Esq^{e} of the 3^{d} p^{t} and that they the s^{d} Washbourn's & Fettiplace did grant unto Wright & Harris the Manour of Pitchley & Lands there & Lands in Cransley To the intent to suffer a Recovery and recites that a Common Recovery was accordingly suffered as of Hilary Term then last.) [This deed should declare the Uses of such Recovery but it is so very much eaten by Rats that it cannot be read.]

No. 9

DESCRIPTIONS OF LANDS IN PYTCHLEY AND CRANSLEY

By Indenture of 28 March, 1643, Alice Downes, *widow*, of Pytchley, makes over to Robert Eakynes of Pytchley, gent., "that ancient capitall mesuage or dwellinge house" belonging to her and now occupied by Eakynes, and one Close lying on the south side of the house, with the reservation of "one baye of building buttinge upon the lane towards the church in Pichley aforesaid wherein Edward Powers gent. doth now inhabite and one litle yord or garden thereunto next adioygneinge And also one Dovehouse twoe barnes and twoe yords next adioygneinge to the said Dovehouse and barnes now in the tenure or occupacon of the said Alice Downes."

The Lease is for six years, and the yearly rent, £9.

Indentures of 26 and 27 January, 1663, between John and Katharine Dabitott of the one part and William Washbourne of Pytchley of the other, conveying the interest of the former in the lands to the latter, speak of

"All that Cappitall Messuage or Manno^{r} house in Pitchley aforesaid late in the tenure or occupacon of Alice Downes widdow dec̃d And also Those Messuages or Tenem^{ts} in Pitchley aforesaid late in the sevall Tenures or occupacons of Richard Steevon William Underwood —— Signell William Clarke Robert Tymes Robert Rocke George Cobb widdow Trueman widdow Keagleand widdow Marriott and all those Closes or inclosed grounds in Pitchley aforesaid called or knowne by the name or names of the Parke wth the Lodge ioyning to it the Conigree Close Ashe Close Fishpond Close neather Logdale Bullpoole meadow ffenne

meadow upper Logdale the hundred acres or Rye land A parcell of wood ground conttyning by estymacon about fower acres All wch Closes and p^r^misses last menconed late were in the tenure or occupácon of the said Alice Downes And also all that Close called Scott Mill Close late in the tenure or occupacon of George Warner And all that Water Mill w^th^ the Mill holme late in the occupacon of William Underwood And all that Close called Midle Logdale late in the occupacon of William Wills and William Brookes All wch said p^r^misses are scyttvate lying and being in Pitchley.

"All those messuages or Tenem^ts^ in Cransley aforesaid . . . late in the sevall Tenures or occupacons of John Cope esq^r^ Thomas Sanfan Thomas Anys widdow Hartford and widdow Steevens And all those Closes or inclosed Grounds in Cransley aforesaid called or knowne by the name or names of Calues Croft late in the occupacon of widdow Steevens aforesaid Eastgreene Westgreene Dovehouse Close and that part of the Wouges late in the occupacon of the said John Cope And all that other part of the Wougs late in the occupacon of the said Thomas Sansam Thomas Anys widdow Steevens and one widdow Waddell or some of them together wth the bottomes And all that water mill wth the mill homes thereunto belonging late in the occupacon of John Holt And of eight acres of Wood more or Lesse late in the occupacon of the said Alice Downes And all Teiths oblacons obvencons renewing increaseing or coming in or upon or out of the p^r^misses in Cransley aforesaid and all edifices buildings dovehouses barnes stables outhouses gardens orchards trees woods underwoods . . . to the said p^r^misses in Pitchley or Cransley or any of them belonging. . . . And all other the Messuages farmes Lands Tenem^ts^ Rents services teiths etc" in either of those parishes.

By Indenture of 9 April, 16 Ch. II., William Washbourne lets to Henry Wine all that close or enclosed ground with thappurtenances known by the name of the 100 Acres containing about 66 acres in Pytchley for the space of five years at a yearly rent of £86. Washbourne reserves the timber, "lopp and toppe" of all trees, and "ingresse egresse and regresse" for himself and servants to remove the said timber and also to hawke, hunt, course, chase and follow all manner of game. Wine undertakes to fetch yearly one load of pit coal amounting in weight to five-and-twenty hundred from certain pits called Messinn? pit, co. Warwick, and one load of Sea coal amounting to one and a half chaldron from Caldicock dike, co. Hunts, under a penalty of £5 yearly. Wine is to pay all rates and taxes.

By Indenture of 18 January, 1667, Wm. Washbourne lets to John Allingham, gent., of Pytchley, the Manorhouse called the Old Hall in Pytchley of which he was then occupier, the adjoining close of 1½ acres occupied by Elizabeth Troman, two closes called the Mill closes containing 40 acres, the close called the Kill Close containing 16 acres and occupied by Allingham. Washbourne reserves to himself the fish, fishpools and the dovehouse; and makes the same stipulations as to sporting, timber and rights of entry as in the deed preceding. The lease is for three years at a rent of £44 payable half-yearly.

By Indenture of 20 March, 26 Ch. II., in the year 1673 (evidently there is a mistake here) William Washbourne lets to Joseph Baker, yeoman, Samuel Palmer, tanner, George Warner, yeoman, and James Warner, yeoman, all of Kettering, a parcel of ground containing 29½ acres in Lodgedale in Pytchley, for five years at a yearly rent of £62 13*s*. 9*d*. The timber is reserved to Washbourne, who is to have, after the crop of grain is gathered, the aftermath or after Cropp until Candlemas Day, when the tenants can begin to plough. He is to pay all rates, taxes and tithes, and undertakes to plough and sow a "certain piece of land called the Hunnhooke or Spung (?) of ground lying between the devised premises and the place called the Warren as it now lies between the Warren hedge and the wall from the place called the Lodge House the whole length of the above devised premises."

The Agreement of 22 December, 31 Ch. II., 1679, made between Wm. Washbourne, and Francis Guy of Isham about to marry Elizabeth the eldest child of Washbourne, stipulates for the payment by the bride's father of £40 a year out of the following Pytchley properties: The 100 acres, Corbye's meadow occupied by Henry Corby, Scotmill Close, and the Mill Close containing about 40 acres, Lower Logdale containing 18 acres, and Bridge meadow—or out of other lands of the value of not less than £80 a year approved by the bride and bridegroom.

[The same Indenture mentions the following properties in Isham which Guy settles on his bride: his mansion house, watermills and windmill now in possession of Francis Colson; the closes called the Park close, the Home close, the Mile close, the Meadow called the Town Holme and Two yard Lands in Isham now in possession of John Bull and Henry Corby.]

By Indenture of 12 September, 1700, Wm. Washbourne the younger leases to Anthony Haines of Weekley, co. Northampton, yeoman, the Brigge Close in Pytchley, late in the occupation of John Coleman, blacksmith, of Pytchley. The timber is re-

served and right of access to haul the same provided "such ingresse egresse & regresse is not made w^th^ Carts Carridges or Horses att any Time when the said premises are sown with any corne or graine or when the corne or graine is standing or growing upon the same." The lease is for five years at a yearly rent of £34 5*s*., Haines to pay all tithes, taxes, etc. The deed is much faded at the point where the acreage of the Close is given and is not decipherable.

By Indenture of 21 December, 1710, William Washbourne for the sum of £100 makes over to Dorothy Bacon, widow, of Burton Lattymer, co. Northampton, all that his new-built house in Pytchley, which he bought from Roger Lewis, for 500 years at a peppercorn rent on condition that the grant shall be void if Washbourne pays £3 by June 21st next and £103 by December 22nd, 1711.

The above particulars are of no special importance, but the names of persons and places may be of interest to Pytchley readers.

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